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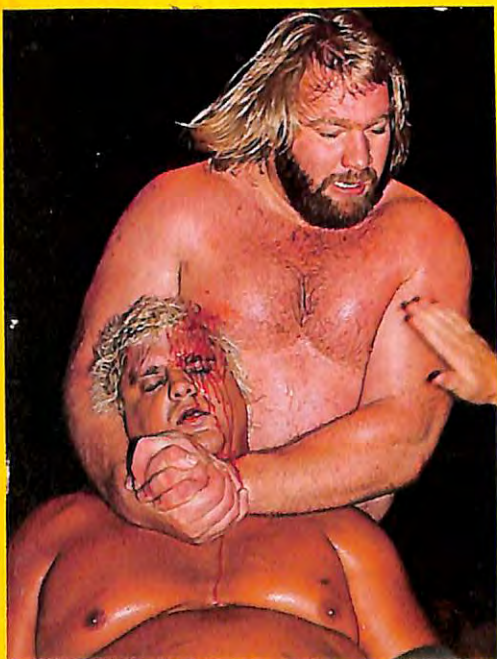
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a true story
by John B. Haikey



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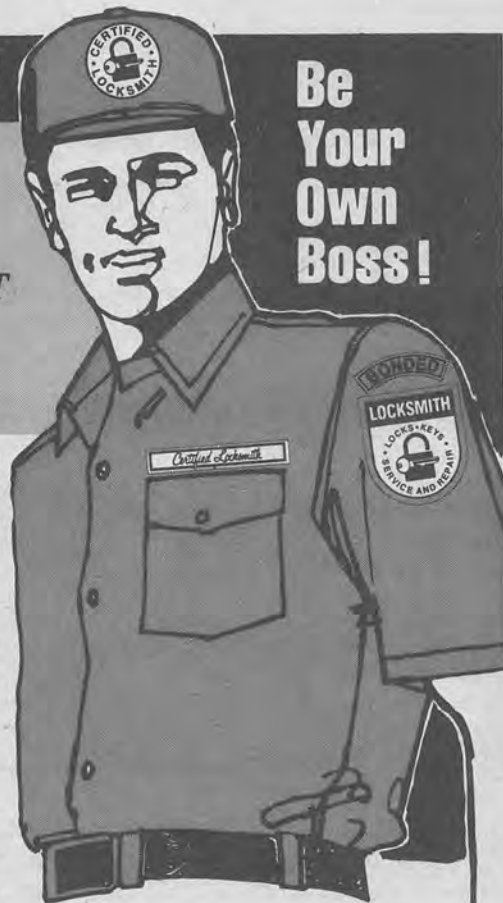


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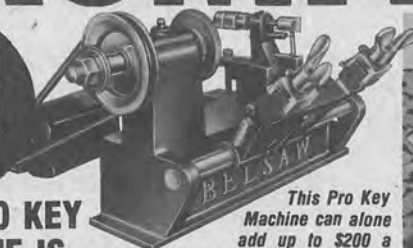
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Peter
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Editor-in-Chief

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AWA: Champion: OTTO WANZ; Tag Team Champions: GREG GAGNE & JIM BRUNZELL; Southwest Tag Team Champions: KEN LUCAS & RICK MORTON

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Special referee Ivan Putski carefully gauges Pedro Morales' consciousness level as Superfly Snuka grasps a pressure point in the back of his neck. Putski did a superb job of maintaining control of this no-holds-barred match.

SOMETIMES YOU NEVER have to worry about work. If your car is in the shop and your boss asks you to drive somewhere, you have a perfectly viable excuse not to go.

Peter King began to question me when it turned out that the Green Giant had been in the garage for five weeks. I kept telling him that the mechanic was just waiting for a part to be delivered, but it was getting harder and harder to delay the inevitable.

Nevertheless, five weeks is five weeks, and after four of them were history, it turned out that I owed a column to *Inside Wrestling*.

What to do? Not much, really. It is the last week of September as I type this, and last night I noticed that there was a replay of the August 30 Madison Square Garden wrestling card being televised over my cable television system.

I decided to watch the card again (I had been at ringside taking photographs for this magazine the night of the matches), hoping against hope that I could come up with a good idea for a column.

The card worked its way through the preliminary matches: Killer Khan vs. Steve Travis,

Salvatore Bellomo vs. Swede Hanson, Tony Garea vs. Charlie Fulton. I knew the outcome of the main event, how Bob Backlund had caused Playboy Buddy Rose to submit under the pressure of the chicken wing (although Rose vehemently denies having given up), so that match held little interest for me.

Then it came time for Pedro Morales' Intercontinental title defense against Jimmy "Superfly" Snuka. Ivan Putski was slated as the special referee.

I began thinking about the function of a referee in the wrestling ring. How many times have I seen the official manhandled by the two competitors? How many times has the referee, almost always physically inferior to either of the two wrestlers, been knocked cold during a match, unable to complete his officiating duties? How many times have these unfortunate occurrences affected the outcome of an important title match?

I watched closely to see how Putski officiated this match. Immediately, the thought of having a wrestler as a referee in title matches seemed so logical, I

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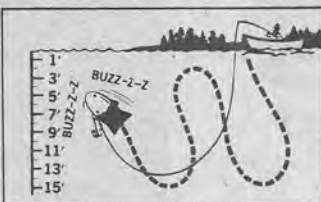
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Behind the Dressing Room Door

by Stu
Saks

BEHIND THE DRESSING room door, Rocky Johnson was not at all like the image he works so hard to project in the ring. But surrounded only by close friends, there was no reason for him to act any other way than how he felt.

There was a morguelike atmosphere as Johnson awaited his turn to appear on the WWF television tapings at the Hamburg (Pennsylvania) Field House. Nobody spoke, for fear of adding to the existing tension.

Johnson noticed the concerned expressions on the faces of his friends. He felt guilty for making them feel that way. "I'm the Soulman," he said, grinning. "I'm too cool to worry."

He certainly didn't appear to have anything to worry about. Rocky Johnson is a veteran of the mat wars. He has accomplished so much in his career. He is respected by his peers, the media, and wrestling fans everywhere. His upcoming match was not against a particularly strong opponent, yet he acted more like a rookie before his first match than an experienced veteran. As the television monitor showed a replay of the finish of the preceding match, everyone in the dressing room turned his eyes on Johnson. Rocky bounced to his feet and all followed. He slapped everybody's hands, flashed a smile of confidence, took a deep breath, and shouted, "We are psyched!"

He meant it, too. Johnson jogged out the door, followed by all but one of his entourage. "I'm glad he snapped out of it," said Marc McCrory, the only person to stay behind. "If he went into the ring in the same state of

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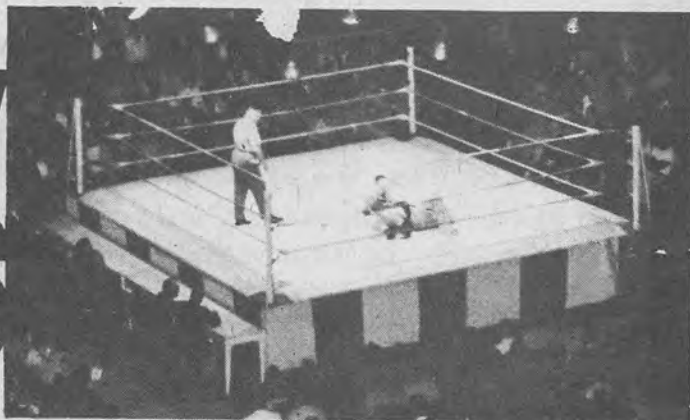
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Ric Flair receives high praise in an open letter sent by Greg Zajac. Greg calls the NWA champion a credit to his profession.

TRIBUTE TO FLAIR

An open letter to Ric Flair:

Let it never be said that you aren't a true champion. Although I don't totally agree with your wrestling style or the tactics you use, I still can't help but be impressed with your tremendous dedication and desire. Any man who takes the punishment you do and comes

back night after night to successfully defend the NWA championship has an inner strength unequalled by any other man. You are a credit to this great profession and deserve nothing but the very best throughout your career.

GREG ZAJAC
Menominee, MI

GRAHAM? BIG DEAL!

So Superstar Billy Graham is back in the WWF? Who cares?! Everyone is worried he'll take Bob Backlund's title. Well, if he couldn't beat Backlund 4½ years ago when the champ was still rather inexperienced, he doesn't have a snowball's chance in San Diego of beating him now. What's more, Ivan Putski, Pedro Morales, and Salvatore Bellomo will whip his butt before he gets a chance to defeat Backlund. As far as I'm concerned, the Grand Wizard should stick with Cowboy Bob Orton and Playboy Buddy Rose, and let that aging bum go back to Japan!

B.M. GINCHEREAU
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DiBIASE'S CONFUSION

An open letter to Ted DiBiase:

What do you say to someone who you have admired for a long time, someone who has brought honor and fair play to wrestling, but who has suddenly changed his ways and principles? Most



Ted DiBiase, who reader P.J. Doan feels is a very confused young man, viciously attacks Paul Orndorff.

people would stress disappointment, and maybe even hatred. Not me. I personally feel a great sadness for the sport of wrestling, and for you, Ted, because both you and wrestling may be losing something wonderful.

You must be feeling very confused and all alone right now, but I hope you see this letter, Ted, to prove to you that you aren't completely alone. I feel that you are a great wrestler, and that you have what it takes to be NWA champion one day.

I know you are a good person deep down, but it's not my place or anyone else's place to judge you. We're all entitled to our

own decisions, whether right or wrong.

So whatever you decide to do, I have and always will be 110 percent behind you. Good luck.

P.J. DOAN
Marietta, OH

RATING THE RATINGS

I am writing in reference to the competence of whoever it is that determines your "Most Hated" and "Most Popular" ratings.



Big John Studd is not without fans. "Sincerely Yours" contributor Mike Breitweg supports the wrestlers most people hate.

I am sick and tired of seeing men like Roddy Piper, Ric Flair, and Jimmy Snuka in the category of Most Hated. Just because these men take the easy way out doesn't mean they don't have any fans. I'm sure Ric Flair's entourage of fans outnumbers Tommy Rich's. Don't think I'm the only one who thinks like that. My friends and I see the matches two, three, and even four times a week, and we respect men such as the Funks, Jim Garvin, and John Studd. The fans around us think the same way, too. They despise a referee when he shows favoritism to Wrestling II, Mike Graham, Dusty Rhodes, and others like them. So smarten up and rate these wrestlers as we the fans see them.

MIKE BREITWEG
West Palm Beach, FL

BROCK'S NO CROCK

Matt Brock, you just keep on praising our wrestling superstars like Bob Backlund and Tony Atlas. They are way beyond compare.

I agreed with every word you said about Adrian Adonis ("Plain Speaking," July 1982). Adrian is just a leather-crazed nut who swears that he is so great just because the only way he can win a match is with the sleeperhold.

doesn't give you any special privilege to call him "Howdy Doody," either.

DIANA HENDERSON
Bronx, NY

WATCH IT, HEENAN

I saw the letter written by Rick Hilty in the October 1982 issue of *Inside Wrestling*. All I want to say to Rick is, "Bravo for your comments on Bobby Heenan!" I totally agree. Heenan is a low-



Hulk Hogan lets out his frustrations with a chokehold on Bobby Heenan. Reader Teri Patterson is also fed up with the constant interference of the manager.

So what? Who cares? And besides, who the hell is Irene?

As for you, Sharon McCarthy from Sinking Spring, Pennsylvania ("Sincerely Yours," October 1982), I think *you* must be either blind, senile, completely drunk, or totally stupid not to see Tony Atlas' great build. Just because Bob Backlund has reddish hair

down rat, putting his damn body where it doesn't belong and interfering in Hulk Hogan's bouts with Nick Bockwinkel. All I have to say, Heenan, is that "Hulkmania" is running wild. When he gets a hold of you, he's going to squeeze your damn body until there's nothing left.

TERI PATTERSON
Blaine, MN □

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SCOOP OF THE MONTH

"The state of women's wrestling today can be summed up in three words: It's a shambles."

So says Velvet McIntyre, one of the leading woman wrestlers in the world today. It's very easy to get Velvet to speak about the state of women wrestling today

and where it's going in the future; it's an aspect of wrestling she's very concerned about. It's also something she's getting ready to change.

"The biggest problem that women's wrestling faces today is a severe lack of respect on the part of most wrestling fans," says McIntyre. "Most wrestling fans are geared to seeing men in the ring. When women come

into the ring, the female fans look at us as a sideshow, while the men see us as sex symbols.

"Nobody in the arena," Velvet continued, "or very few people at best, see us as participating in legitimate athletic competition the way the men wrestlers compete. It's really a problem of image, and I think it's up to us, it's up to the women wrestlers in this sport, to work to change that image as best we can."

Another problem, obviously, is the fact that women's matches are not placed regularly on wrestling cards in most areas of the country. There may be a match this month, but there are no guarantees of seeing the women return next month, or any time after that.

"That's right," McIntyre agrees, "there is a lot of inconsistency, and that's a problem that has to be dealt with through the promoters in the country. I feel that women's matches ought to be scheduled on wrestling cards on a regular basis to allow the fans a chance to see us wrestle, and to begin to follow our matches from month to month."

Of course, a major problem that faces fans who wish to follow women's wrestling is the lack of coverage in the major wrestling magazines. It is a crime of which even *Inside Wrestling* has been guilty.

"There are a lot of problems with covering women's wrestling," explained Editor-in-



Velvet McIntyre sees a strong need to change the present image of women wrestling. "When women come into the ring," she says, "the female fans look at us as a sideshow, while the men see us as sex symbols."



Though Dusty Rhodes often seeks the advice of Arnold Skaaland when he wrestles in the WWF, he has no plans to enter into a formal agreement with the manager.

Chief Peter King. "One of the problems is the scheduling that Velvet McIntyre spoke of, and I will point to the promoters as the guilty parties here. I would like our magazines to cover women's wrestling regularly, but when women are scheduled to wrestle months apart in cities thousands of miles apart the way they are these days, the travel costs become prohibitive.

"I get a lot of mail asking me why we don't cover women's matches more," King said, "and all I can say right now is that unless certain factors change, we won't be able to cover these matches in the future as extensively as we want to. We're working on it, though."

So is McIntyre, who has drawn up a proposal to create a coalition of women wrestlers.

"The idea would be to work toward improving problems that plague women wrestlers,"

she explained, "and to improve the image of women wrestlers in general. I hope to present this proposal to the other wrestlers, and I guess I'll just have to take it from there and see what happens."

RUMOR VS. FACT

RUMOR: Dusty Rhodes has signed a contract with Arnold Skaaland to have the veteran manager advise the American Dream in the WWF.

FACT: No such contract has been signed. "It's not a bad idea, though," says Dusty, "and if I were looking to enter the WWF permanently, Mr. Skaaland is the first man I would go to."

RUMOR: Ken Patera is going to be leaving the AWA and enter the NWA soon in order to make a run for Ric Flair's NWA belt.

FACT: Not true. "I'm still

working hard to get the AWA belt, and now that Bockwinkel has been defeated by Wanz, I feel my chances are better than ever. Not that I couldn't defeat Flair; that's just not on my mind right now."

INJURY REPORT

BARRY WINDHAM suffered a broken nose at the hands of **JAKE ROBERTS**, who was paid \$1,100 by an unknown person to commit the injury. (Details of the situation may be found in the January 1983 issue of *The Wrestler*, on sale now.)

BUZZ SAWYER sustained a concussion when **TOMMY RICH** ran into a Chattanooga, Tennessee, dressing room and assaulted Sawyer with a garbage can. "He had it coming to him," said Wildfire, "and he's got a lot more coming to him in the future." □

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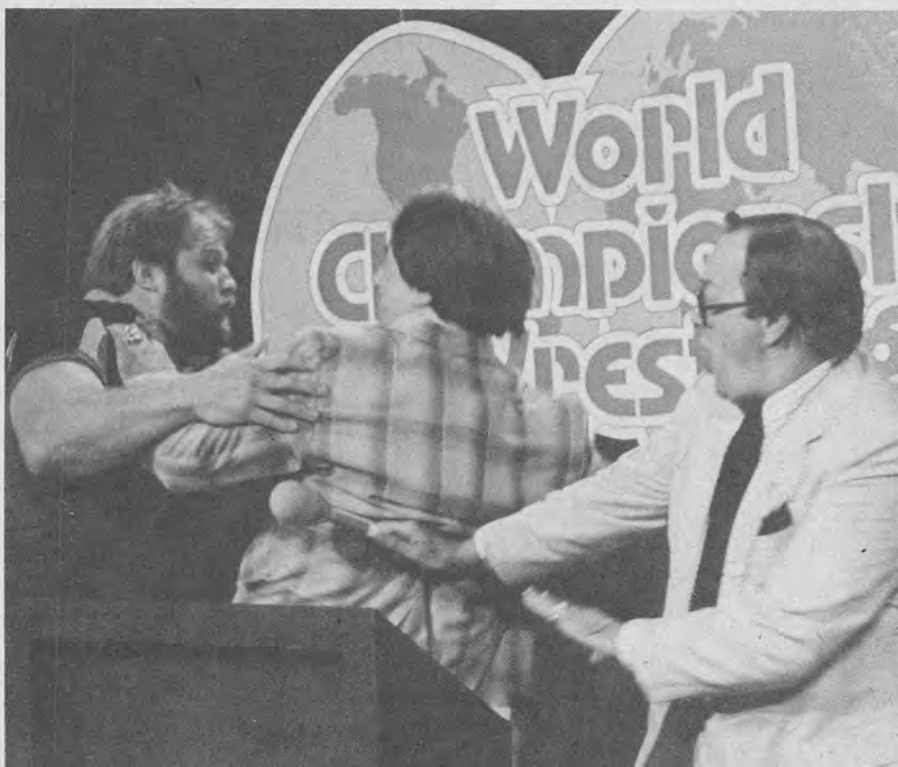
IN A COLLEGE psychology class, I learned how, in one of the more sadistic experiments, scientists manage to induce insanity. The method is to constantly confront a lab rat with an unsolvable problem. The means are rather easy.

First, train the rat to push a button to get food. Once this is learned, the rat will depend on the food appearing. Suddenly, don't dispense food when he presses the button. No matter how many times he pushes the button, no matter how desperate he becomes, deprive the animal of its food. Again and again, the animal will go through three stages on his way to a nervous breakdown.

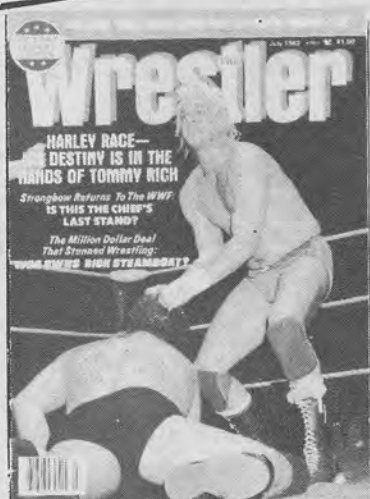
Initially, the rat will become wild and deranged. He'll fight valiantly against a universe intent on destroying him. When his

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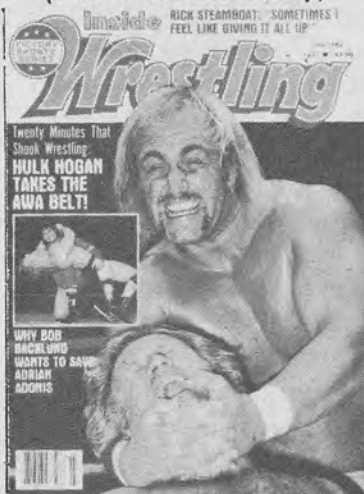
The change that has taken place in Roddy Piper is one of the saddest things I have witnessed in wrestling. Just a short time ago, Piper, a self-respecting, self-confident man, praises Ole Anderson (top). Now, Piper, denied of his dignity and pride, attacks his former friend (right).



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BOB GEIGEL

Ole Anderson and Stan Hansen have been stripped of their NWA tag team championship. NWA president **Bob Geigel** ordered the title be declared vacant because of Anderson and Hansen's failure to make defenses on a regular basis. Geigel said a new tournament will be set up to determine new tag kings.

After being brutalized in a sneak-attack by **Gino Hernandez** and **Tully Blanchard**, **Mil Mascaras** has enlisted the assistance of his brother **Dos Caros** to help him exact revenge . . . **Tito Santana** and **Terry Gordy** are



TITO SANTANA



IVAN PUTSKI

making a fine tag team duo. **Michael Hayes**, currently on tour, is rumored to be in contact with former Freebird partner **Buddy Roberts** in hopes of reuniting, along with **Terry Gordy**, the original Freebirds.

Paul Jones and **Greg Valentine**, both members of "The House of Humperdink," are planning to join forces against **Jack and Jerry Brisco**.

"Polish Power" **Ivan Putski** is looking for a steady WWF tag team partner. "It's not easy findin' the right guy," Ivan says. "**Bob Backlund** would be perfect, but he's tied up. **Pedro Morales** is busy defending his Intercontinental belt. You know who would be great? **Jimmy Snuka**. I'd take him as my partner in a second if he ever decided to break away from that crazy **Lou Albano**."



KING KONG MOSCA

Victor Steamboat, younger brother of **Rick Steamboat**, is making his presence known in Mid-Atlantic rings . . . **King Kong Mosca** and **King Kong Tonga** are teaming in Florida under the guidance of "King" **James J. Dillon**.

Killer Khan is now in Texas and feuding with **Scott Casey**. Khan was responsible for sending Casey to the hospital with severe injuries a few years ago. For some unknown reason, Khan wants Scott out of wrestling . . . Also in Texas, **Jerry Lawler** is feuding with the popular **Junkyard Dog**! "I



KILLER KHAN

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Bill Apter
reporting...

cannot understand why Texas fans boo me," says Lawler. "They are very mixed up people!"

The Fabulous Kangaroos, Don Kent and Johnny Heffernan, may soon wrestle in Florida, where manager **Al Costello** has spent time negotiating with promoters . . . Young **Eddie Gilbert**, who has always dreamed of wrestling at Madison Square Garden, has signed for a series of matches in the WWF.

Blackjack Mulligan is wrestling in South Africa . . . **Rick McGraw** has become a rulebreaker under the management of **Jimmy Hart** in Tennessee. Hart has paired McGraw with the unmasked "Dream Machine," **Troy Graham**, and has named the team "**The New York Dolls**."

Ken Patera is so confident he can defeat AWA champion **Otto**



JIMMY HART

Wanz, he is willing to risk \$10,000 for the chance to prove it. "The money is in the bank," Patera announced. "If Tubbo Wanz beats me, the 10-grand is his, no questions asked."

"It's a real thrill seeing the great **Buddy Rogers** on the WWF's *All-Star Wrestling* and *Championship Wrestling* television broadcasts. Buddy, a former WWF and NWA champion, does a short segment, "Roger's Corner," and has been



BUDDY ROGERS



STAN HANSEN

very outspoken regarding the way **Captain Lou Albano** is treating **Jimmy Snuka**. "I used to manage Snuka and he's not getting anything out of his arrangement with Albano," Rogers says. "I hope I can talk him into breaking all ties with that lunatic."

"**Soulman**" **Rocky Johnson** is a big hit in the WWF . . . **Tito Santana** has returned to the AWA to team with **Rick Martel** . . . The feud between **Bruno Sammartino Jr.** and **Larry Zbyszko** rages on. "He was like a brother to me," Sammartino Jr. says. "Now I want to see him crawl."

Just when **Ric Flair** began complaining there is no good competition in Georgia, who should sign on the dotted line? Lariat expert **Stan Hansen**. "You know, I like Flair," Hansen says, "but I still want to wrestle him. My goal is to win the NWA title and, frankly, I don't care who I have to wrestle to achieve that goal . . . **Harley Race** has his sites on the Pacific Wrestling Federation title held by **Giant Baba**."

That's all the news for now. See you at the matches! □



KEN PATERA

COLLECTOR'S CORNER

Some of the back issues in this ad have not been offered for sale for more than 25 years. All of these extremely rare magazines are from the personal collection of Stanley Weston, owner of the world's largest collection of wrestling memorabilia. This is indeed a once in a lifetime opportunity for the true collector to finally own these highly treasured but until now elusive editions. Obviously, the supplies of these issues is very limited, and they will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. It is for that reason we urge you to list substitute choices when you order. This will avoid time wasted writing back and forth should a particular issue be sold out. The prices quoted are based on the rarity of the issue and the amount of available copies. For fastest service, payment should be made by money order or certified check. While cash will be accepted, we cannot assume responsibility when it is sent through the mails. All sales are final and no exchanges will be made.

BOXING & WRESTLING

After five issues, **WRESTLING** magazine changed its name to **BOXING & WRESTLING**. Continuing its high standard in wrestling, the addition of boxing stories made it one of the most popular sports magazines of the '50s. Some of the back issues listed in this ad can be obtained now by the general public for the first time in more than 25 years. As you would expect, supplies are very, very limited.

JANUARY 1952 Boxing—Pep vs. Saddler, Ganis vs. Kid Lavigne, Robinson vs. Turpin, Mickey Walker, Tricksters, Tony Janiro, Barney Ross's Record, Tex Rickard, Roland LaStarza, Leonard vs. Kilbane, Rocky Marciano, Ratings, Knockouts

Wrestling—Yvon Robert, Wrestling Whirl, Sky Hi Lee, Matches of the Month, Pacific Coast Championship, George Hackenschmidt, Indian Wrestlers, Ruffy Silverstein, Ratings, Londos vs. Shikat \$25

JUNE 1952 Boxing—Fights of the Month, Gil Turner, Max Schmeling, Jack Johnson, Ratings, Stillman's Gym, Chico Vejar, Flyweights and Bantamweights, Tex Rickard Story, Paddy DeMarco, Max Baer's Record

Wrestling—Lord Carlton, Ratings, Mars Bennett, Human Sides, Tony Lanza, Wrestling Whirl, Good Old Days, Whipper Watson, Matches of the Month, San Francisco Promoter Joe Malcewicz \$25

AUGUST 1952 Boxing—Highlights, Paddy Young, Sammy Mandell, Trainer Doc Bagley, Jack Dempsey, Keeny Teran and Gil Cadilli, Tex Rickard Story, Lew Tendler, TV From Miami, From Knockdown to Victory, Ratings

Wrestling—Dirty Dick Raines, Good Old Days, Whipper Watson, How Girl Wrestlers Keep Fit, Ratings, Adrian Baillargeon, Wrestling Whirl, Matches of the Month, Mighty Atlas \$25

SEPTEMBER 1952 Boxing—Highlights, Fighting Italians, George Araujo, Pancho Villa, Trainer Charlie Goldman, Willie Troy, Ratings, Boxing Confidential, Gene Tunney, Jackie Fields

Wrestling—Bobby Managoff, Lou Thesz's Record, Ratings, Matches of the Month, Tim Geohagen, William Muldoon, Wrestling Whirl \$25

OCTOBER 1952 Boxing—Highlights (Walcott vs. Charles; Carter loses to Salas, etc.), Lauro Salas, Stanley Ketchel, Irish Champions, Chuck Davey, Max Schmeling, Ratings, Joe Miceli, Strange Experiences, Willie Pep tells about his loss to Sandy Saddler, Boxing Medicine Man Dr. Nardiello

Wrestling—Riki Dozan, Their Hardest Battles, Matches of the Month, Ray Gunkel, Tough Turks, Wrestling Whirl, Ratings, Record of Verne Gagne \$25

DECEMBER 1954 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Matches of the Month, Cisco Andrade, Ezzard Charles writes about Marciano, Bare Knuckle Fighters, Tony DeMarco, Jimmy Braddock, Maxie Rosenbloom's Life, Paul Andrews, Tony Galento vs. Lou Nova, Benny Leonard, Quiz, Dempsey vs. Fred Fulton, Quiz

Wrestling—Bob Orton, Matches of the Month, Cowboy Carlson, Mars Bennett, California Champs, Al Costello, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, Fan Clubs \$25

FEBRUARY 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Nino Valdez Says "I'll Beat Marciano," Billy Petrolle's Life, Carmen Basilio Challenges Johnny Saxton, Bare Knuckle Fighters, Lou Stillman, Jim Corbett vs. Joe Choyinski, Jack Delany, Jack Johnson Compared to Modern Fighters, Why Black Fighters Are Tops, Quiz, Ratings, Jimmy McLarnin

Wrestling—Billy Varga, Ratings, Violet Viann, Verne Gagne, Speaks Out, Matches of the Month, Sonny Myers, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, How To Start A Fan Club \$25

MARCH 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Kid Gavilan, Cisco Andrade, Eugene Cirieli, Ratings, Writer Dan Parker, Best Heavyweight Of All, Charley Powell, Young Griffo, Kid McCoy vs. Tommy Sharkey, Willie Ritchie, Quiz, Pedro Montanez

Wrestling—Gorgeous George, Matches of the Month, Jack Witzig, Ike Eakins, Texas Tough Guys, Little Black Dynamite, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs \$25

APRIL 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Archie Moore Blasts Marciano, Robert Cohen, Joe Choyinski's Life, Strike By Managers' Guild, 'Boardwalk' Billy Smith, Ad Wolgast vs. Joe Rivers, Fake Fights, St. Nick's Arena, TV Fights of 1954, Paul Berlenbach, Quiz, Ratings \$25

JUNE 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Eduardo Lausé, Tony Canzoneri's Life, Tiger Jones and Bobby Jones, How Marciano is Managed, Lou Brouillard's Life, Bob Baker, Matchmaker Teddy Brenner, Ten Deadliest Punches, Tommy Ryan vs. Sandow, Ruby Goldstein, Ratings, Quiz

Wrestling—Yukon Eric, Pacific Coast Powerhouses, Billy Goetz, Wrestling Whirl, Manuel Cortez, Matches of the Month, Bob Geigel, Fan Clubs, Full Color Pinup of Billy Varga \$25

JULY 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Rocky Marciano Crushes Don Cockell, Fights of the Month, Chico Vejar, Tony Canzoneri's Life (conclusion), Carmen Basilio describes his war with Tony DeMarco, Fight Nite At St. Nick's, Jimmy Soo, Fantasy Fight with Joe Walcott, Ludwig Lightburn, Benny Leonard vs. Ever Hammer, Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, Ratings, Quiz

Wrestling—Tiger Joe Marsh, Matches of the Month, Timmy Geohagen, TV Stars, Yukon Eric Tells How To Build Muscles, Was Henri DeGlane a Nazi? Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs, Full Color Pinup of Frankie Talaber \$25

AUGUST 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Floyd Patterson, Tony DeMarco, Boxing's Mouthpiece, Mickey Walker, Joe Rowan, Fritz Zivic batters Henry Armstrong, Fighting Irish, Joey Lopes, Sam Langford vs. Stanley Ketchel, Quiz, Luis Firpo, Ratings

Wrestling—'Legs' Langevin, Yukon Eric, Matches of the Month, Promoter Eddie Quinn, Most Dangerous Holds, Joe Cassius, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, Full Color Pinup Of Leo Nomellini \$25

SEPTEMBER 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Rocky Castellani, Promoter Jim Norris, Fight Afternoon, Rudy Garcia, Abe Attell, Billy Graham Quits, Terry McGovern vs. Pedler Palmer, Pat McMurry, Al Singer, Willie Jackson, Ratings, Quiz

Wrestling—Leo Nomellini, Do Black Wrestlers Get Fair Shake? Matches of the Month, Crazy Kalmikoffs, Hans Schnabel, Wrestling Whirl, Al & Tiny Mills, Gossip, Wrestling Stinks! Full Color Pinup of Big Bill Miller \$25

OCTOBER 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, The Real Marciano, Frankie Carbo, Carmen Basilio, John L. Sullivan vs. Charley Mitchell, Carmelo Costa, Jack Dempsey (Part 1), Paddy Young, Archie Moore, Joe Benjamin, Ratings, Quiz

Wrestling—Hans Herman, Matches of the Month, Strangler Lewis, One World's Title! Sky Hi Lee, Wrestling Whirl, Kamikaze Kinji, Hans Schmidt, Full Color Pinup of Lord Blears \$25

NOVEMBER 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Marciano Kayoes Archie Moore, Fights of the Month, Willie Pastrano, What Made Dempsey A Killer? 'Bud' Smith, Yama Bahama, Joe Gans vs. Rufe Turner, Strategy, Tony Puleo, Great Trainers, Ratings, Johnny Dundee, Johnny Kilbane, Quiz

Wrestling—Riki Dozan, Matches of the Month, Don Arnold, Colorful Characters, Hindu Wrestlers, Chris Tolos, Malcolm Brenner, Full Color Pinup of Pat O'Connor \$25

JANUARY 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Joey Giambra upsets Bobo Olson, Joe Lynch, Ray Drake, Mystery of Joe Walcott Solved, Training Camps, Jimmy Slattery, Chris Christensen, Bare Knuckle Brawl-Tom Johnson vs. Isaac Perrins, Petey Sarron, Charley White, Ratings, Quiz

Wrestling—Why Women Wrestle, Wrestling Whirl, Bill Fletcher, Ivan Padubny, Bearded Wrestlers, Matches of the Month, Art Michalek, Gossip, Fan Clubs \$25

MARCH 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Chuck Spieser, Isaac Logart, Ratings, Luis Firpo's Life, Raton Macias, Jim Jeffries vs. J. Corbett, Tiger Jones, Boxing Lesson, Review of 1955, Frankie Genaro, Quiz

Wrestling—Leo 'The Lion' Newman, Matches of the Month, Doc Gallagher, Terrible Turk, Breast Cancer and Girl Wrestlers, Barefoot Wrestlers, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, Wives of Wrestlers \$25

APRIL 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Carmen Basilio, Commissioner Helfand, Pete Herman, Regaining Titles, Bobby Boyd, Ace Hudkins' Life, George Dixon vs. Solly Smith, Joe Benjamin, Louis 'Kid' Kaplan, Quiz \$25

MAY 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, How Floyd Patterson Will Fight Marciano, Ray Robinson's Problems, Jackie 'Kid' Berg's Life, Yama Bahama, 'Kid' Lavigne, Combating TV, Sam Langford, Bob Murphy, Boxing Lesson, Carl Tremaine, Ratings, Quiz

Wrestling—Rocca, Ada Ash, Matches of the Month, Old Timers, Prince Maivia, Wrestling Whirl, Jerry Graham, Red Bastien, Gossip \$25

JUNE 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Cisco Andrade, Ludwig Lightburn, Remembering Chicago, Tony Zale's Life, Rory Calhoun, Quiz, Ratings, Tom Sharkey vs. Peter Maher by Jim Corbett, Aurelio Herrera, Dave Shade, Readers' Gripe

Wrestling—'Hard Boiled' Haggerty, Wrestling Whirl, John Pesek, Killer Kowalski, Texas Hot Spot, Powerhouses, Matches of the Month, Fan Clubs, Gossip \$25

JULY 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Rocky Marciano, Max Schmeling's Life, Johnny Saxton, John L. Sullivan, Miguel Berrios, Larry Boardman, Quiz, Ratings, Joe Gans vs. 'Elbows' McFadden, Hollywood Legion Stadium, Ritchie Mitchell

Wrestling—Lord Blears, Matches of the Month, Mexican Stars, Ramona TeSelle, Danno O'Mahoney, Wrestling Whirl, Roy Shire, TV Wrestling, Gossip \$25

AUGUST 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Tony DeMarco, Bob Fitzsimmons vs. Peter Maher, Cherif Hamia, John Holman, Jess Willard's Life, Bucking TV, Johnny Summerlin, Joe Choyinski, Earl Mastro, Ratings, Bob Armstrong, Quiz, Gossip

Wrestling—George Drake, Wrestling Whirl, Chief Kit Fox, Matches of the Month, Yvon Robert (Part 1), Why Wrestlers Bleach Their Hair, Bob Geigel, Gossip \$25

OCTOBER 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Willie Pastrano, Henry Armstrong's Life, Archie Moore, Jimmy McLarnin, Charley Joseph, Jim Jeffries, Jimmy Soo, Boxing Lesson, Kid Chocolate, Ratings, Quiz, Letters

Wrestling—Don Leo Jonathan, Wrestling Whirl, Fred Blasse, Billy Varga's Wife, Dangers of Wrestling, Yvon Robert (Part 3), Matches of the Month, Letters, Fan Club \$25

NOVEMBER 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Tony DeMarco, Art Aragon, Mario D'Agata, Tony Anthony, King Levinsky's Life, Johnny Busso, Joe Louis vs. John Henry Lewis, Ken Overlin, Ratings, Lockport Jimmy Duffy, Kid McCoy vs. Jim Stewart, Quiz

Wrestling—Bobby Managoff, Around the Circuit, Slave Girl Moolah, Ratings, Matches of Month, Yvon Robert (Part 4), George Hubert, Fan Clubs, Letters \$25

DECEMBER 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Gene Fullmer, Jack Dempsey vs. Billy Miske, Harold Carter, Tex Class Fights, Jinx of College Fighters, Barney Ross vs. Jimmy McLarnin, Alex Miteff, Eddie 'Babe' Risko, Leonard Del Genio, Frank Battaglia, Ratings, Letters

Wrestling—John Paul Hennig, Wrestling Whirl, Rose Roman, Tag Team Situation, Matches of Month, Jim Wright, Bull Montana's Wife, Are Fans Crazy? Letters \$25

JANUARY 1957 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Carmen Basilio, Fighter of Year, Mike Gibbons' Life, Predicting the Champs in 1957, Joe Brown, Greatest Lightweights of All Time, Stanley Ketchel, Boxing Lesson, Tommy Loughran beats Jim Braddock, Bill Brennan, Ratings, Quiz, Letters

Wrestling—Carl Engstrom, Greatest Champions of All Time, Bronko Nagurski, Matches of Month, Johnny Barend, Wrestling Whirl, Tito Carreon, Comparing Old and New, Letters \$30

SEPTEMBER 1957 Boxing—Stanley Weston Editorial, Letters, Fights of Month, Tony Anthony, Benny Leonard Kayoed by Frank Fleming, Alphonse Halimi, Peter Jackson, Willie Pastrano, Gene Tunney, Billy Ryan, Triple Header: Harry Greb beats Mickey Walker, Dave Shade Kayoes Jimmy Slattery, Harry Wills Stops Charley Wehnert, 'Knockout Brown,' Tom Sayers, Stanley Ketchel's Life in Pictures, Critics Talk, Ratings

Wrestling—Wrestlers Highest Paid, Killer Kowalski, Results of Month, Hard Boiled Haggerty, Letters, Fan Clubs, Facts Behind Wrestling Boom \$35

JANUARY 1958 Boxing—Stanley Weston Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Jimmy Braddock vs. Tommy Farr, Floyd Patterson, Johnny Kilbane, Mike O'Dowd, Chalky Wright, Carmen Basilio, Jimmy Wilde's Life, World's Ten Best Fighters, Quiz, Fighters Turned Actor, Bobbing Lesson, Bare Knuckle Feature, Leach Cross Kayoes Young Otto, Letters, Remember When, Ratings

Wrestling—Ricki Starr, The Bruiser, Canadian Trail, Fan Clubs, Letters, Matches of Month \$25

FEBRUARY 1958 Boxing—TV Jottings, Letters, Fights of Month, Louis vs. Marciano, Robinson vs. LaMotta, Walcott vs. Charles, Pep vs. Saddler, Basilio vs. DeMarco, Light Heavyweight History, Punch that Shocked World (Jack Sharkey Fouts Max Schmeling), Preview of 1958, Born Killer (Fiction), Britain's Boxing Booths, Ray Robinson's Career in Pictures, Picking Winners, Quiz, Gene Tunney-Georges Carpentier Feud, Al McCoy, Critics Talk

Wrestling—Mickey Gold, The Garibaldis, Smith Brothers, Gypsy Joe, The Gallaghers, How Women React to Wrestlers, Photo Highlights, Results of Month, Fan Clubs \$25

APRIL 1958 Boxing—Stanley Weston Editorial, Letters, Fights of Month, Ratings, Carmen Basilio—Fighter of the Year, Complete Review of 1957 featuring Records, Results, Weights, Photos (Eight Pages), Bob Fitzsimmons, History of the Middleweights, Kid Chocolate Beats Fidel LaBarba, John L. Sullivan's Life, Barney Ross' Book, Remember When

Wrestling—Wrestlers in Movies, Sexiest Girl Wrestlers—Penny Banner and Barbara Baker, Predictions for 1958, Is The Champion Lou Thesz or Ed Carpentier? Sellout at the Garden, Photos of Month, Results of Month \$25

WRESTLING REVUE

WRESTLING REVUE (1959-1964) is thought to be the finest series of wrestling magazines ever published. These beautiful editions (all edited and published by Stanley Weston) set a standard by which all of today's wrestling magazines are judged. The magnificent back issues in this ad, many of which contain spectacular full-color inserts, have been unavailable to the public for more than 10 years. Supplies of these collector's treasures are very limited.

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BOXING ILLUSTRATED- WRESTLING NEWS



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TV BOXING



To meet the public's growing hunger for up-to-the-minute information generated by regular boxing matches shown on the new television medium, Stanley Weston created a new magazine in 1953 to meet the demands. **TV BOXING** was unique in every way, and while its life's span was less than two years, it established itself as a milestone in the field of boxing magazines. The extremely rare issues listed below have not been offered for sale since 1954.

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1953 BOXING ANNUAL



This cherished collector's issue consisted of 100 pages of seemingly endless photographs, statistics and complete records of the leading fighters of the day: Marciano, Robinson, Gavilan, DeMarco, Carter, Saddler, Moore. The list goes on and on. And well over 100 great pictures, some in a glowing red tint.

We guarantee that this fabulous 1953 Boxing Annual will turn back the clock and make you feel like you are living in those times; thrilling to the unforgettable performances of some of the greatest fighters who ever lived. This was the first Boxing Annual ever published, and to this day it still retains its title: The Best of All Time—The Champion of Champions! \$50

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Jack Brisco vs. Paul Jones



PAUL JONES UNBUCKLED the Mid-Atlantic belt that was once Jack Brisco's and handed it to the ring attendant. There was a mixture of emotions evident on his face: On the one hand, there was raw seriousness; Jones was certainly not going to give up the championship he worked so hard to attain this soon after achieving his goal.

On the other hand, there was pure enjoyment. He felt good about being champion; he enjoyed the sight of the massive golden belt. Most of all, he enjoyed flaunting this title belt in front of the former champion, the man he defeated for the title, Jack Brisco.

There was no question about which emotion was reflected in Jack Brisco's face: utter determination. He was determined to knock Paul Jones down a couple of pegs, and not only to regain that cherished belt. No, the friction between Brisco and Jones goes much deeper than that.

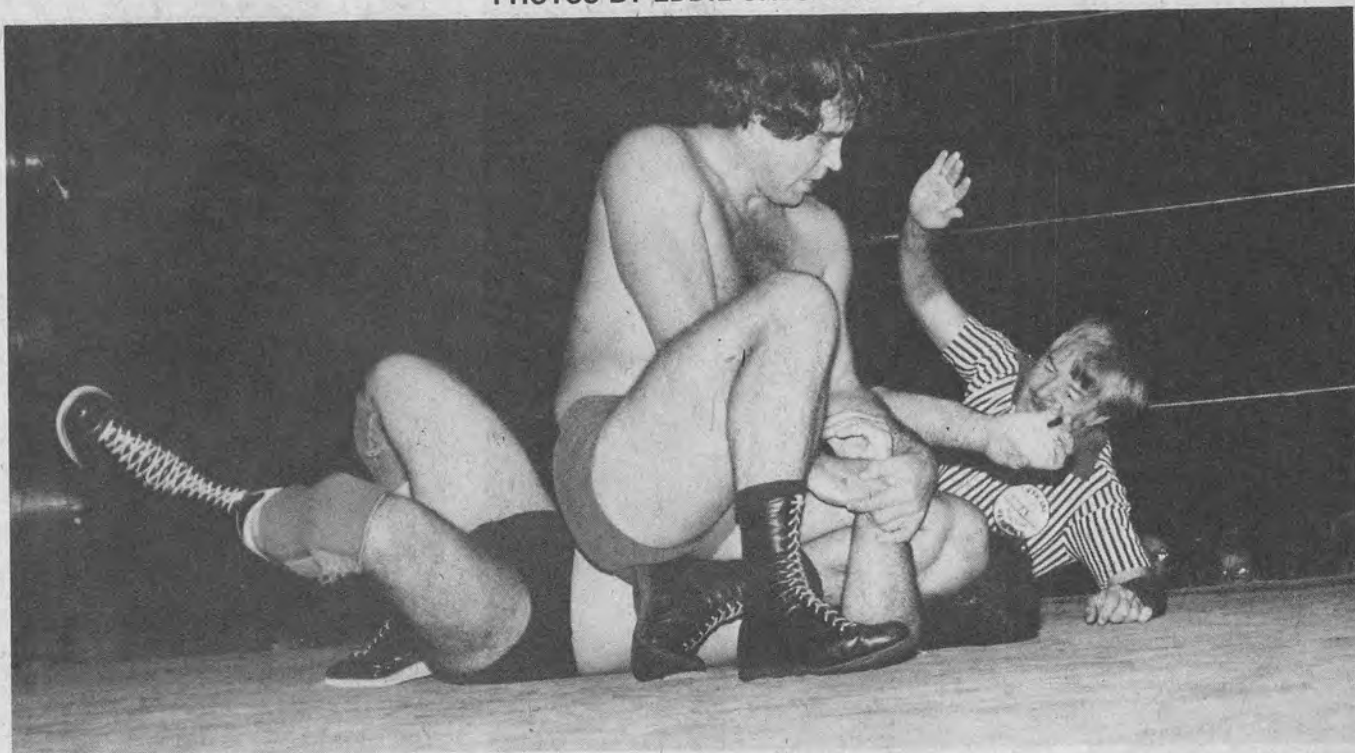
To get to the heart of the matter, we must look back to 1972. The state is Florida, and the issue was Jack Brisco's won-lost record.

When Jack Brisco wrestled in Florida in 1972, he was proud . . . and rightfully so. He was nurturing an undefeated record that he had hoped would last for many years.

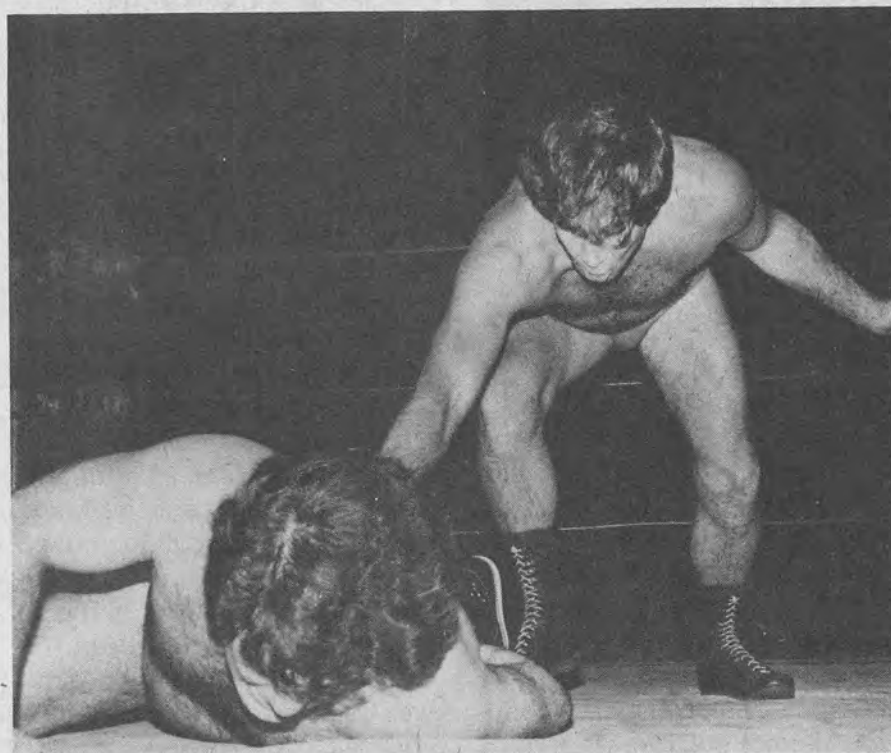
Then along came Jones.

The upshot of the situation

THE WOUNDS OF THE PAST CAN NEVER HEAL



Their hatred fueled by an event that took place 10 years ago, Jack Brisco and Paul Jones are once again involved in a violent feud. Brisco's plan of attack is to concentrate on Jones' left arm (above and below) and hopefully force the Mid-Atlantic champion into submission.



Ten years ago, Paul Jones and Jack Brisco became involved in bitter rivalry that spawned a hatred neither man had ever felt for another wrestler. Today, that rivalry has been renewed, and there is far more at stake than just the Mid-Atlantic title

scored the majority of victories, some decisive and some controversial, the matter never reached a final solution. It wasn't long before both men left the area to go their separate ways.

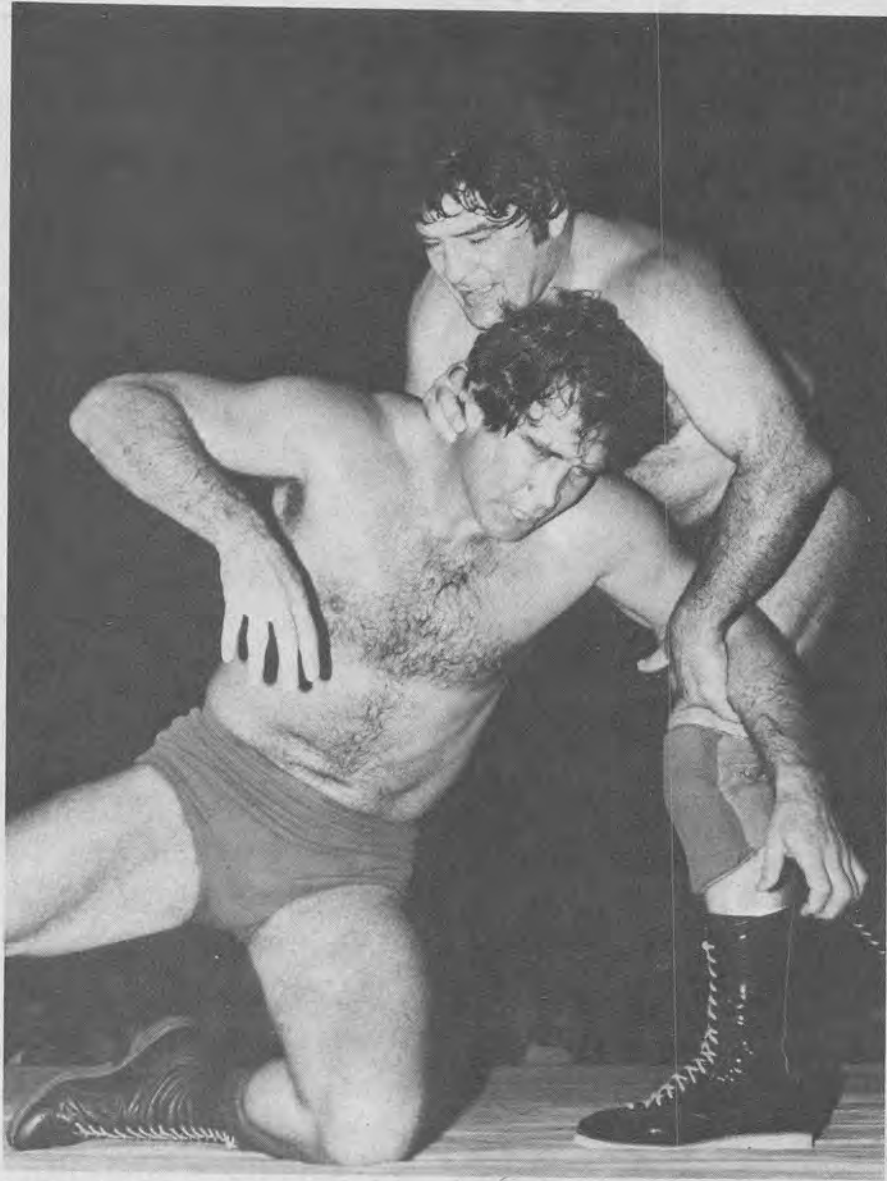
A decade later, Jack Brisco captured the Mid-Atlantic championship. Perhaps with the knowledge of what happened in Florida 10 years earlier, Sir Oliver Humperdink made an uncanny managerial move: He brought Paul Jones into the House of Humperdink.

was that Paul Jones was the only man to defeat the undefeated Jack Brisco in Florida. It was an event in Brisco's career that would affect him deeply.

Brisco took it upon himself to avenge that sole defeat. He

wanted to impress on Jones that although he may have won a one-shot victory on a particular night, 99 times out of 100 he would be able to pound Jones into the canvas.

Their feud stretched on for months, and although Brisco



Jones grabs his physically and mentally drained challenger and throws him face-first to the canvas (above). Brisco launches a counterattack (top right), but he does not have enough to regain the title that was once his.



tension, and maybe that was my fatal mistake," Brisco speculated. "Perhaps I should have let myself turn loose, rage like an animal against Jones. Maybe I should have broken every rule in the book and Jones' neck along with them, but that's not the way I want to win. I felt that if I kept myself under control, I would have a better chance to take back the belt.

"The realization that I have Jones as a rival again is a lot to bear," Brisco continued. "I know that to keep myself under control, I'm going to have to contend with the burning frustration while I wrestle. But if I let myself loose, I compromise my ethics."

Jack Brisco stared thoughtfully at the floor, and he knew that he had a difficult job ahead of him. There were a lot of emotions that he was going to have to face in the future, and he realized that to come to grips with them would be to win a major victory.

"If I can channel these emotions into the proper wrestling style, I can kill two birds with one stone," said Brisco. "I can purge myself of this hate, and I can regain the title again. I'm determined to achieve both goals." □

When Jones took the Mid-Atlantic belt away from Brisco, all the rage and hatred of a decade ago came rushing back to engulf Brisco and to send his mind reeling on a single course of action: defeat Paul Jones.

This is why determination was so evident on the face of Jack Brisco when he saw Paul Jones, champion, smiling at him across the ring. He knew that Jones was thinking about the events of 10 years ago, and he knew that once again, he would have to teach him a lesson.

Unfortunately for Brisco, however, he was unsuccessful at regaining the Mid-Atlantic

title. He tried, and he tried hard. For that he must be given credit. But it is very difficult for a man to win a match when he is wrestling against two enemies. In this case, Brisco was facing both Jones and the relentless gnawing of his own memories.

"I was mad as hell, I was fuming, I couldn't believe the kinds of emotions I was feeling," said Brisco during an interview that followed his match with Jones. "I had so much pent-up frustration, I was like a tightly strung piano wire. I was so tense, it was almost impossible to wrestle.

"I was trying to control that

INSIDE WRESTLING

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capsule profile

STANDING 7'5" AND weighing nearly 500 pounds, Andre the Giant is easily the largest man in professional wrestling today ("It's tough to find a place to sleep sometimes when I'm on tour") . . . Began wrestling when he was just 17 years old ("I was asked to fill in for an injured wrestler, and I won that first match easily") . . . Has the only undefeated professional record in all of professional wrestling ("It's an achievement I am very proud of") . . . Has wrestled all over the world and is welcomed by wrestling fans wherever he appears ("I love to travel, and the fans have always been great to me") . . . Holds the record for winning more Battle Royals than anyone else in history ("I enjoy wrestling in Battle Royals; it is a great challenge to me") . . . Because of his massive size, is often featured in handicap matches ("If it's two on one or three on one or anything else, it makes no difference") . . . Enjoys taking

ANDRE THE GIANT

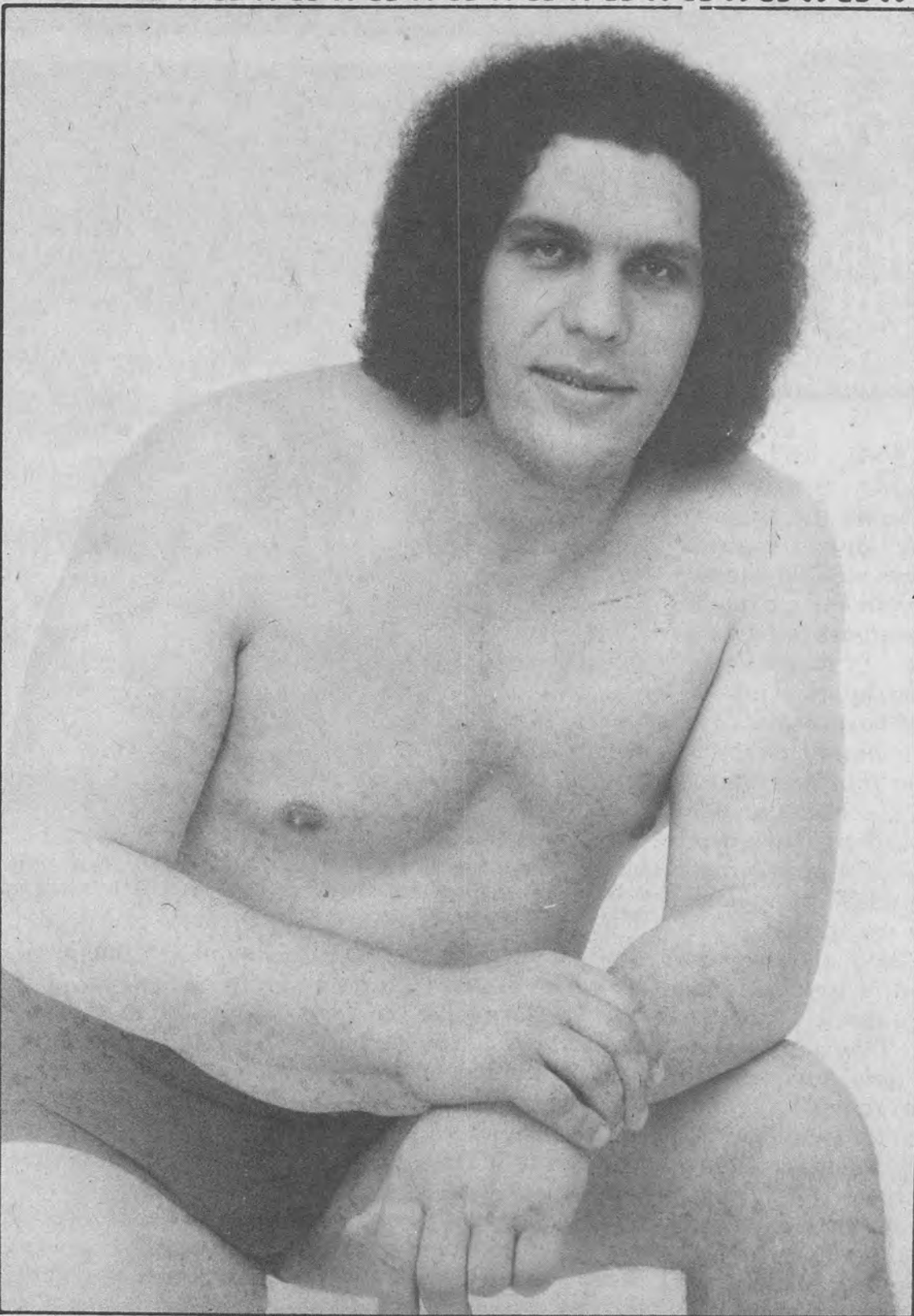


Andre the Giant swings his huge right arm at a cornered Ernie Ladd. Andre, at 7'5", makes the 6'9" Ladd look petite. Very often, Andre has to get in the ring against two men to receive any kind of challenge at all.

time off occasionally to visit his native France ("My home city of Grenoble is very beautiful") . . . His feud with Killer Khan has gone on for well over a year after Khan broke Andre's ankle in Binghamton, New York ("I will make that Mongolian pig pay for what he did to me") . . . Has wrestled in tag team combination with dozens upon dozens of different partners ("I like to wrestle with my friends as partners") . . . Has been known for years as "The

People's Champion" ("The fans seem to appreciate what I do in the ring, and I enjoy wrestling for them") . . . Has been featured in several television programs, most recently ABC's *The Fall Guy* . . . The subject of the longest feature story ever run in *Sports Illustrated* ("I thank the media for allowing me to communicate with my fans") . . . Guarantees a sold out arena wherever he appears ("I want to thank the fans for all the support they've shown me over the years.") □

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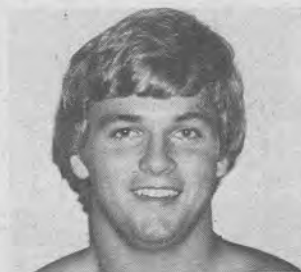
ANDRE THE GIANT

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Each day, out of the thousands of letters we receive, hundreds of them are from fans asking the whereabouts of their favorite wrestler. In this special column, we will try to answer the questions you ask the most!

EDDIE GILBERT

Gilbert, who just turned 21, has been wrestling primarily in Tennessee and Puerto Rico along with his father, Tommy Gilbert. Eddie has just been signed for several matches in the WWF area, and the WWF scout who spotted Gilbert in Puerto Rico predicts he will be a sensation in the Northeast.



SAILOR ART THOMAS

Some people feel Thomas was the Tony Atlas of his generation, and indeed, the muscular Thomas was a highly successful wrestler, even reaching the point of wrestling for the NWA title several times. He now holds an executive position with a meat packing house in Madison, Wisconsin, and does not plan to return to the ring.

DANNY HODGE

This former NWA junior heavyweight champion is widely regarded as the strongest wrestler, pound-for-pound, in the sport's history. Hodge now resides in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he runs a combination restaurant and lounge, the "Dan-Dee Lounge." "I still work out every day," says Danny. "Even in business, you've got to keep yourself in top shape."



MICHAEL HAYES

Hayes is currently on tour throughout the United States, and according to highly placed sources, has been in constant contact with Buddy Roberts and Terry Gordy. According to these sources, Hayes is planning to reunite the three original Freebirds.

Dusty Rhodes' Fear:

"BIG JOHN STUDD IS TOO DANGEROUS FOR WRESTLING"

After one of the most brutal matches of his career, Dusty Rhodes was faced with a truth he's been trying to avoid. For the sake of wrestling, Dusty must once again put his career on the line. In battling John Studd, he faces one of his career's greatest—and most important—challenges



THE POWERFUL BODY of Dusty Rhodes lay exhausted on the training table. A bloody towel lay next to him. Above him, a doctor expertly stitched up wounds on the grappler's forehead. Dusty was too tired to be brave; small cries of pain welled from his throat as the needle pierced his flesh.

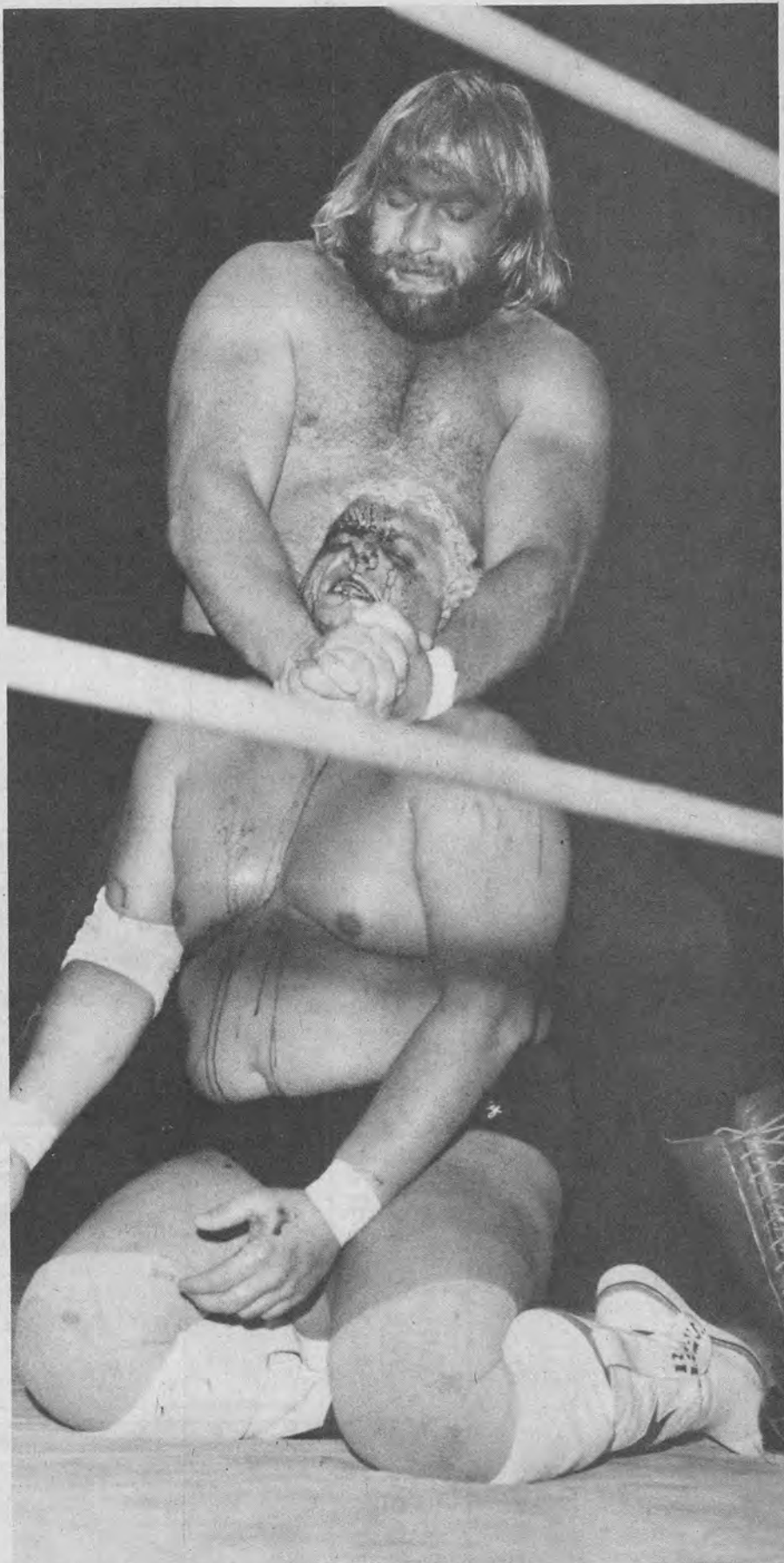
Only 10 minutes ago, Dusty had stumbled into the dressing room. Then, his body had been full of energy keyed up over his brutal victory. It had been one of the ugliest matches in history, ending only when Dusty was disqualified. To pound the power out of his foe, Dusty had beaten him with a stretcher, the same stretcher Studd had brought to ringside and dubbed, "Dusty's Cadillac." Rhodes was unconcerned about his disqualification; he was elated that he never took a ride on that stretcher.

Yes, Rhodes had made Studd eat his threats. To the thrill of thousands, Dusty emerged heroic. He should have been ecstatic. Yet, as Dusty lay on the training table, those who knew him well understood he was worried about more than the stitches. There was something profound bothering him.

Afterward, when the doctor left and Dusty was alone with those he trusts most, the wrestler told the gathering what so disturbed him. In a voice that spoke of pain and exhaustion, he spoke.

"Studd is different," Dusty murmured, "different from all the other bums trying to wreck wrestling. Most of them cheat to get money, glory, or a title. But damnit, they know they're cheating! Studd thinks whatever he does is right. He thinks he's above sport. He thinks he's allowed by some special privilege to cripple anyone he wishes. There's nothing stopping him.

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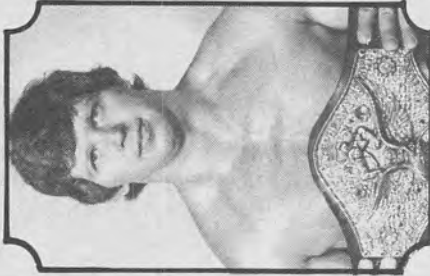
Studd brought a stretcher into the ring, hoping Rhodes would need transportation back to the dressing room (opposite page). Big John squeezes Dusty's head, forcing a flow of blood from the American Dream's open wounds (above).

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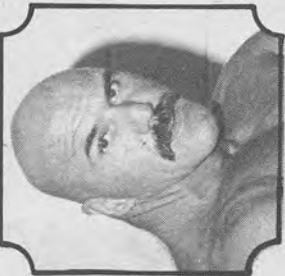
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American Wrestling Association

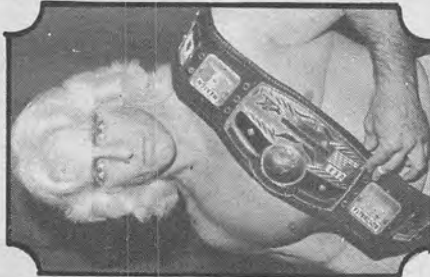


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1—NICK BOCKWINKEL

National Wrestling Alliance



Champion:
RIC FLAIR



1—WAHOO MCDANIEL

Most Popular Wrestlers



1—ANDRE THE GIANT



2—TOMMY RICH

Most Hated Wrestlers



1—SUPERSTAR
GRAHAM



2—TED DiBIASE

Tag Teams



1—MR. FUJI
& MR. SAITO



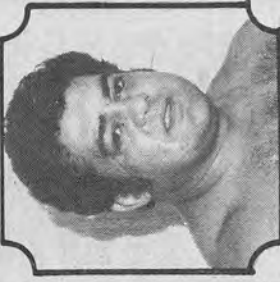
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- 7—PLAYBOY BUDDY ROSE
- 8—ROCKY JOHNSON
- 9—JOHN STUDD
- 10—CHIEF JAY STRONGBOW



2—KEN PATERA



3—HULK HOGAN



4—RICK MARTEL

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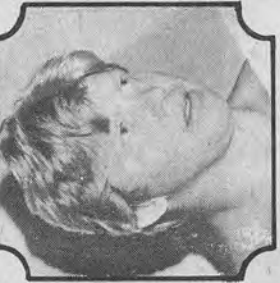
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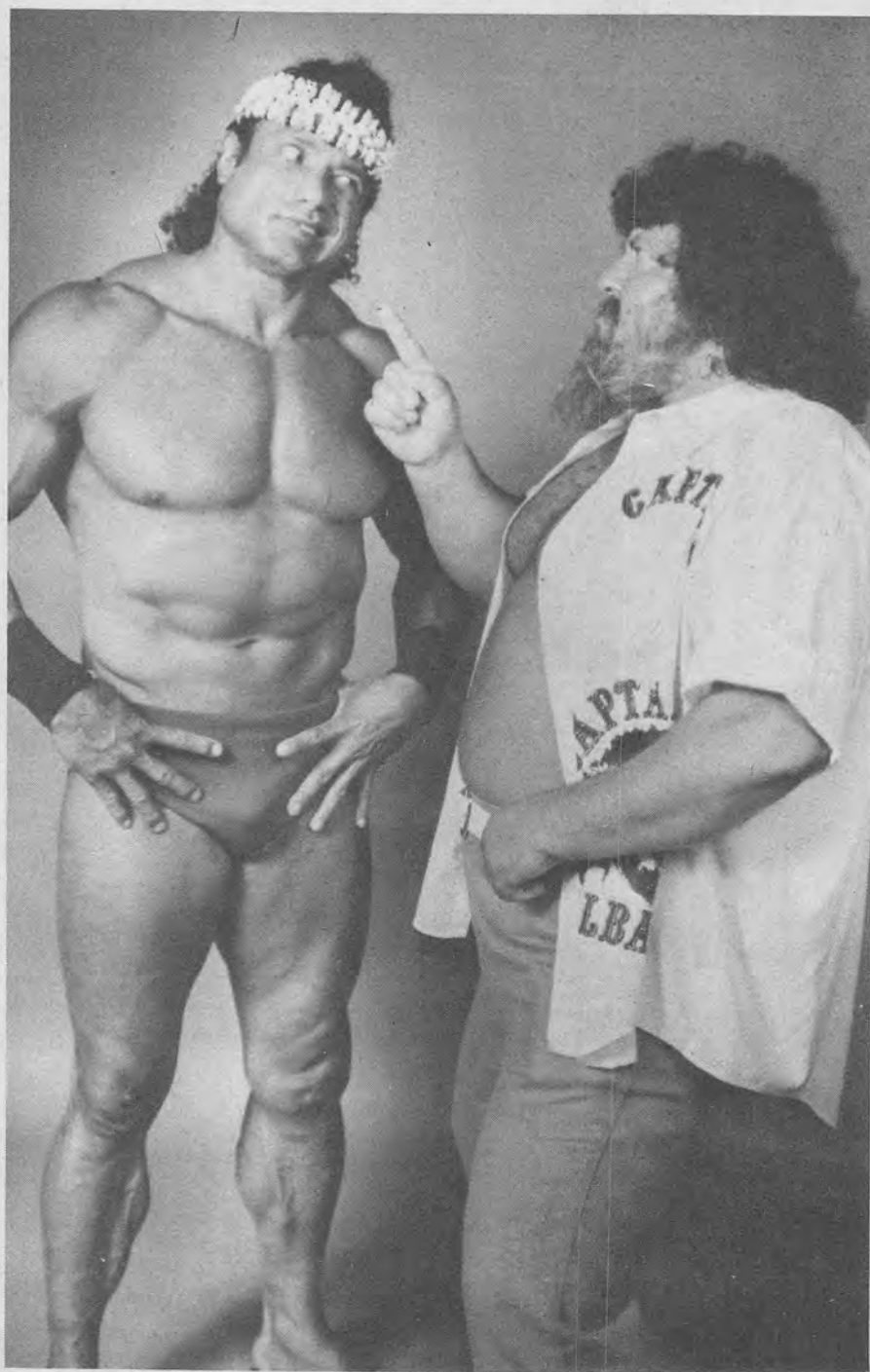
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- 5—PVTS. NELSON & KERNODLE
- 6—KEN LUCAS & RICK MORTON
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- 8—JAY & JULES STRONGBOW
- 9—MR. OLYMPIA & JUNKYARD DOG
- 10—STEVE REGAL & SPIKE HUBER

Captain Lou Albano & Jimmy Snuka



THE SIGNALS HAVE been as clear as if a split had been announced by Captain Lou Albano himself.

● On television: Jimmy Snuka was slated to wrestle Miguel Feliciano. Before the match began, the ring announcer introduced to the crowd a celebrity on hand for the matches . . . Buddy Rogers. Coming into the ring to take a bow, the former NWA and WWF champion shook hands with the ring announcer and with Feliciano. He attempted to shake hands with Albano, who snubbed Rogers. Rogers extended his hand to Snuka. He accepted the gesture and shook hands. Albano was furious with Snuka, and began screaming at him.

● During Snuka's matches: In Snuka's most recent appearances, he has made clean breaks from his opponent when the referee signaled for him to do so. The audience cheered Snuka. Albano at ringside was furious with his man. Snuka merely glared at his manager.

● In interviews: The most startling development came in the pages of this very magazine. In the November 1982 issue of *Inside Wrestling*, we published a "Hotseat" interview with Snuka in which the Superfly made very clear his dissatisfaction with Albano. "I don't know what to do about it, brother," Snuka was quoted as saying, "but I know that I got to do something soon."

● In fan sentiment: That same issue of *Inside Wrestling* carried a column by Editor-in-Chief Peter King that called for

A PARTNERSHIP THAT WAS DOOMED FROM THE START

Jimmy "Superfly" Snuka was termed one of the most exciting wrestlers ever to enter the WWF. Captain Lou Albano was termed a genius as the man who brought him to the area. To fans and experts alike who have followed the careers of these two men, however, the association was a mismatch that was over before it had even begun



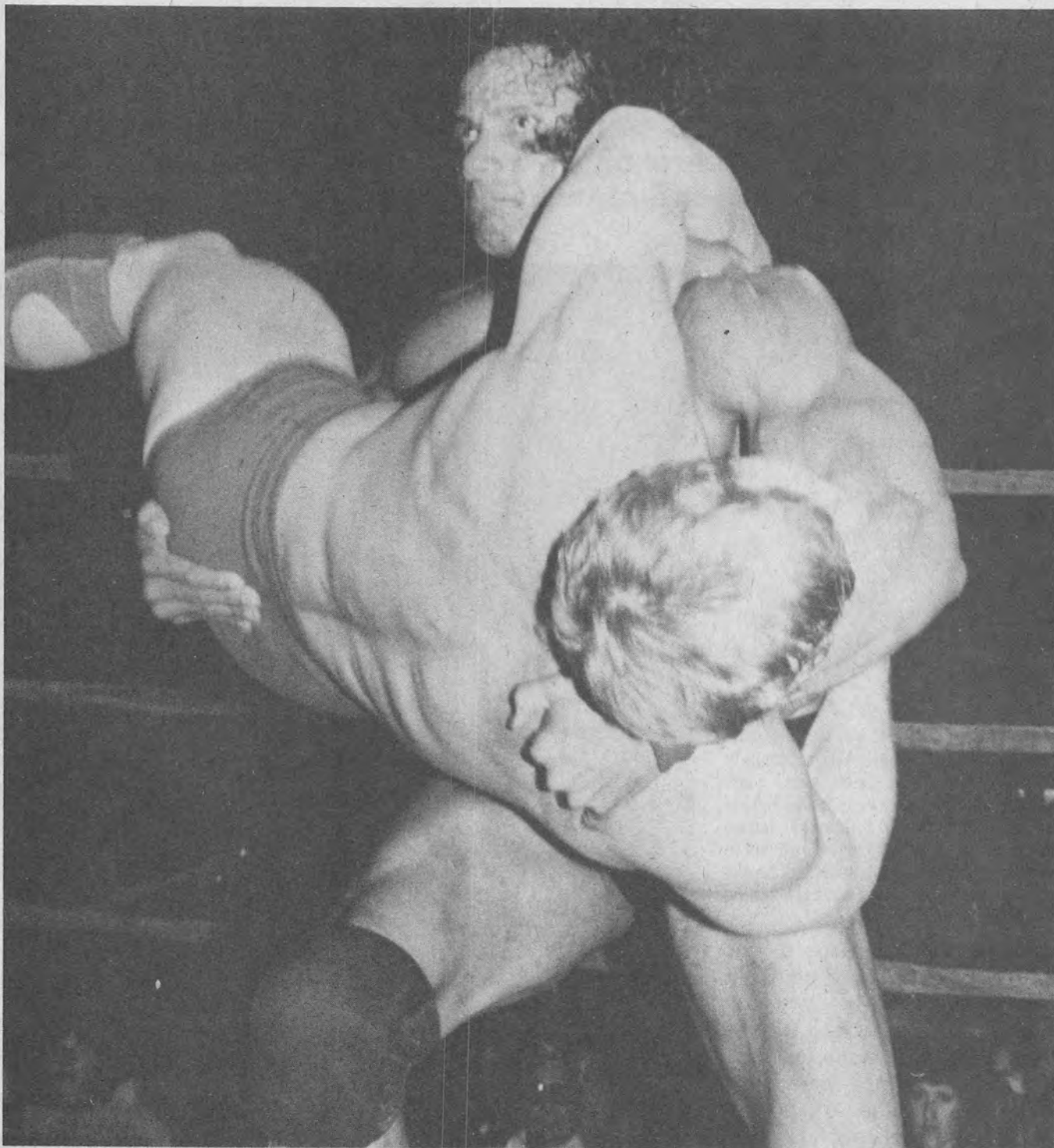
Albano instructs Snuka in the dressing room of Long Island's Nassau Coliseum on how he is to wrestle WWF champion Bob Backlund (opposite page). The Captain chose to stay away from ringside to see if Snuka would follow the plan he set for him. Snuka, however, chose to wrestle by the rulebook, headlocking the champion (above) and bodyslamming him (right).

comments from readers who feel that Snuka might be better off should he break away from Albano. The outpouring of mail was simply incredible, and you can read selected comments from fans in the article that accompanies this analysis.

What this all amounts to is an imminent split between Jimmy Snuka and Captain Lou Albano. Yet for wrestling fans who have followed the career of Snuka closely over the past years, it is a split that was fated to occur from the very moment Snuka entered the WWF and signed with Albano.

In the past, when Snuka has allied himself with a manager, it has always been someone who knew enough to realize that





Many observers believe Snuka has refused to break the rules just to show up his manager. Snuka executes a painful but clean backbreaker against Backlund (above) and locks up in a test of strength with the champion (right).

Snuka needed free reign in order to be most effective in his matches. Both Gene Anderson and Buddy Rogers managed Snuka in the Carolinas, and the Superfly chalked up a successful record in that area.

Importantly, both Rogers and Anderson allowed Snuka enough leverage in their

manager-wrestler relationships to go ahead and win matches in the way that Snuka knew he could win them. Rogers and Anderson provided advice, yes, but they certainly did not stifle Snuka's abilities.

Albano, on the other hand, has shown that he must have nearly absolute and total control

over his men, or else he might turn into a raving lunatic who throws tantrums left and right. While Albano did manage to sign several WWF title matches between Snuka and Bob Backlund, he also maintained many times that Snuka was wrong in not following his advice to the letter. Such an

Fans responded by the thousands to an appeal from Editor-in-Chief Peter King in the November issue of "Inside Wrestling" for comments regarding the situation between Jimmy Snuka and Captain Lou Albano. This is merely a small sampling of the tremendous amount of mail we received in the weeks that followed publication of that issue:

"Snuka would be better off without the management of Albano. The Captain has helped Snuka a lot in his career, but Jimmy has the ability, strength, and the body to capture the WWF title from Backlund on his own." —Ernestine Cooks, Pompano Beach, FL

"Captain Lou Albano has totally disgraced this man. Before Albano, Snuka had some dignity. Now the Captain has lowered him to the level of an uncivilized beast. Snuka should drop Albano." —Sandi Thomas, Canton, OH

There is no doubt in my mind that Jimmy Snuka would be much better off without Lou Albano." —David Barasadian, Weymouth, MA

"Although I do not particularly like Snuka, and I fume every time I see Albano, I feel that Snuka might even start to get the fans back on his side once he disposes Albano into the nearest garbage container, if there is one large enough." —Tom Fox, Buffalo, NY

"I think Jimmy Snuka would be twice the wrestler he is without that fat slob Lou Albano." —Michael Ferazzano, Brooklyn, NY

"By breaking away from Albano, Snuka could go on to be one of wrestling's true heroes, worthy of the fan praise that he already receives despite his unrelenting viciousness in the ring." —Adam Goldstein, Morganville, NJ

"I think that Snuka is the best thing that has ever happened to wrestling. I know that Albano has gotten Snuka where he is today, but I think that it's just a steppingstone for greater things to happen in the future." —Bryan Evans, Bethel Park, PA

"I believe Snuka should get away from that maniac Albano. He has enormous talent, and even though he gets a little vicious now and then, the fans still appreciate him." —John Sheldon, Crandon, WI

"Jimmy is a good man who is forced to follow the stupid orders of his insane manager." —Charla Kraus, Dayton, OH

"I think Snuka should break away from that fat, slimy, scuzball Albano. Snuka has the talent and the wrestling knowledge to make it on his own. Snuka should have a manager to handle details for him, but definitely not Albano." —A.J. Cornwall, Hicksville, NY



attitude can only create tension and trouble between a manager and his wrestler.

Furthermore, Albano apparently has taken it on himself to handle all of Snuka's money for him, placing the Superfly on a weekly allowance. (For further details about this aspect of their relationship, see Snuka's "Hotseat" interview mentioned earlier.) This too is an attitude that can only breed contempt for a manager by a wrestler.

Add to this the fact that Albano doesn't allow Snuka to speak in public, and you have the makings of a major conflict. Albano maintains that he does all this for Snuka's own good, but Snuka believes otherwise.

As of this writing, Snuka and Albano are still together, though

the situation remains tenuous at best. Once these two men go their separate ways, what's in store for each of them?

For Albano, he will no doubt turn his attention back to his tag teams. WWF champions Mr. Fuji and Mr. Saito require constant attention, and there have been rumors that he might bring The Samoans back to the WWF area.

For Snuka, there are also rumors. The strongest of these maintains that he might take on Buddy Rogers as a manager and make another run for the WWF heavyweight title.

For the relationship between Albano and Snuka, however, there is no future. It was truly a situation that was doomed to failure before it had even begun. □

HOTSEAT

BOBBY HEENAN: "BOCKWINKEL'S ONLY CONCERN IS THE AWA FANS"

HE IS KNOWN by some as "The Brain" and by others as "The Weasel." Whether you are for him or against him, you can't deny that he is one of the most influential wrestling managers in the sport today. He has had a long and productive association with Nick Bockwinkel, a man who is now hounded by the phrase "former AWA champion" ever since losing that title to Otto Wanz on August 29. In this interview he speaks about that match, and about his plans for Bockwinkel in the immediate future. He is a man of action. He is Bobby Heenan.

INTERVIEW CONDUCTED
BY PETER KING

Q: Well, Bobby, by now everyone knows about the protest you filed with AWA President Stanley Blackburn regarding Nick Bockwinkel's loss of the title to Otto Wanz. I would assume that you've had a response from the AWA by now.

A: Yes, Peter, we've had a response. As you know, my protest maintained that the three-count made by Larry Lisowski was extremely fast. It was certainly the fastest three-

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count I've seen in any of Nick's title matches since he became champion. I demanded that the AWA commissioners review the tapes of Nick's match with Otto Wanz, and I believe that they did review the tapes.

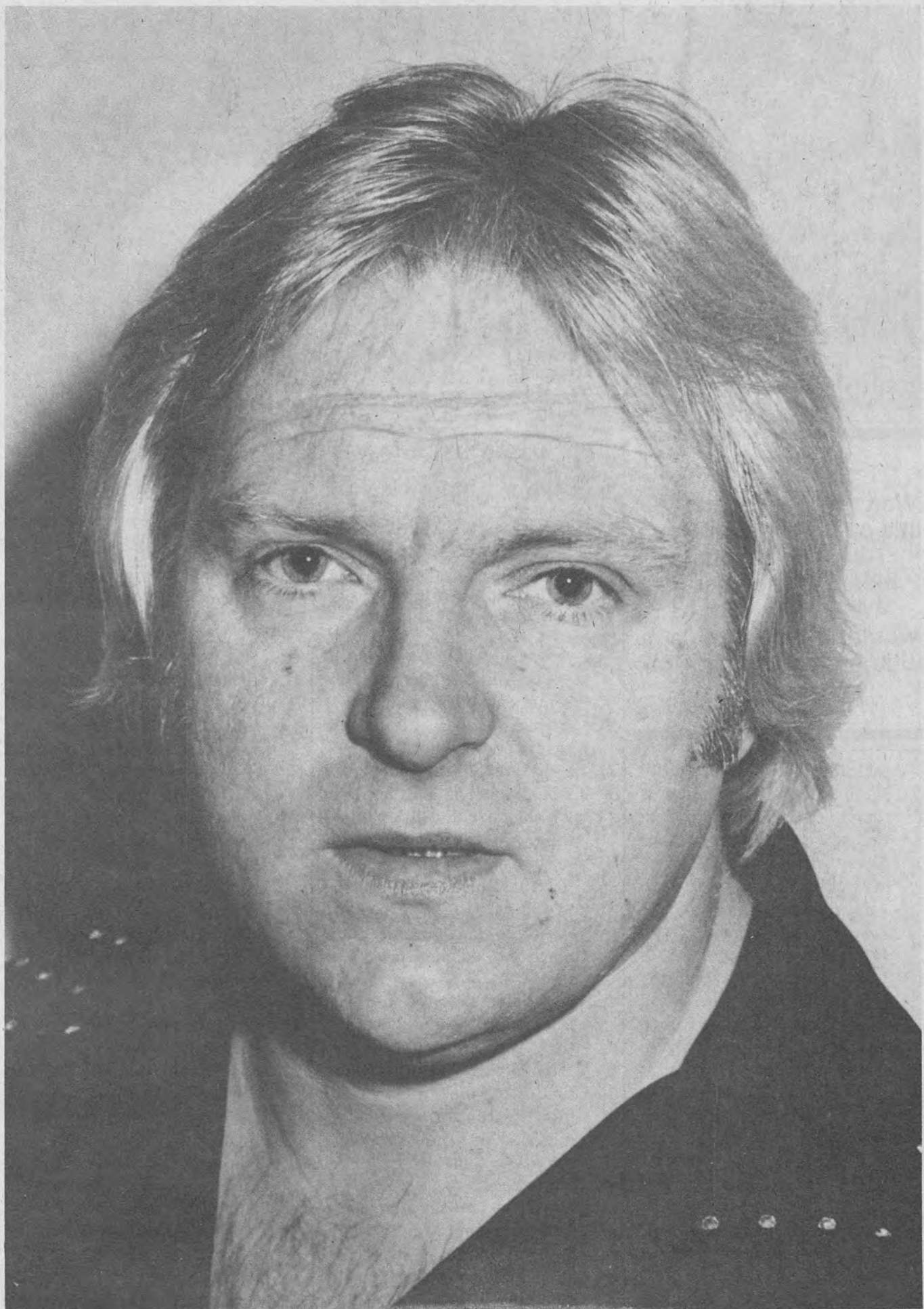
Unfortunately, the AWA commissioners don't see fit to reverse the decision, so I suppose that's that.

Q: Yet you still feel that it was an unfair judgment on the part of the referee?

A: Absolutely. The match was a disgrace. I've helped Nick through a lot of troubled times during his title reign. The higher-ups in the AWA have provided us with a lot of controversy over the past months, but I've always been able to help Nick retain the title. As you probably know, I have a considerable legal background, and this has helped me in my negotiations with the association commissioners. Nevertheless, they see fit to let this decision stand, and I'm afraid there's nothing I can do about it. It's quite a sad situation for the fans, actually.

Q: How do you figure that?

A: Well, Otto Wanz has stated publicly that he will defend





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the title all around the world. Wait a minute . . . where is that quote? Here, right here on page 51 of one of your other magazines (*Editor's note: The magazine Heenan was referring to was the January 1983 issue of "Pro Wrestling Illustrated"*). Listen to this: "If I win the belt, I will be a true world champion. I would try to defend the title not only in America, but in every country in the world. I believe that the world champion has the obligation to face every challenge, not just a few of them. If a man thinks he can beat me, let's wrestle. I don't think Bockwinkel is a true world champion." This is Wanz talking.



With a firm grasp on Wanz's arm early in the match, Bockwinkel also assumed he had a firm grasp on the AWA title. The tide of battle soon turned, however, and Wanz accomplished the upset of the year.

wrong in what he's saying. It sounds like quite a noble sentiment to me, actually.

A: Noble, maybe, but it's also stupid and asinine.

Q: I disagree. I think the fans would appreciate a champion who defended the title around the world. If you read the rest of the quote, Wanz goes on to say that Bockwinkel refused to travel to Austria and Australia and several other places to defend the AWA title.

A: My point exactly. You see, Bockwinkel's only concern is the AWA fans, he . . .

Q: How can you say that when time after time, Bockwinkel has gotten himself disqualified in order to save the title?

A: Not true.

Q: How can you say that when time after time, you have run into the ring in order to gain a disqualification and again save his title?

A: Not true.

Q: In fact, the only reason Otto Wanz got a fair shake this time around was because you had been bloodied by Ray Stevens earlier in the night and couldn't appear at ring-side until halfway through the match, probably too weak by then to interfere even if you wanted to.

A: If you are through interrupting me and assassinating my character, Mr. King, I'll continue with what I was saying.

Q: Go right ahead.

A: As I was saying, Nick's only concern is the fans. Wanz wants to take the title out of the country, to defend the belt in Austria, in Australia, in countries all across Europe and the rest of the globe. What this would mean to the average AWA fan is that he wouldn't be able to see title matches anymore. After all, how many wrestling fans in

Q: Well, I don't see anything



Bockwinkel whips Wanz across the ring into the ropes (above). Late in the match, Wanz has Nick in pain with a rear chinlock (left).

Minneapolis can afford to fly over to Austria to see a title match?

Q: Then again, Wanz is trying to increase the prestige of the title by defending it against *anyone*, regardless of where that wrestler may be based.

A: Yes, but in doing so he's destroying the worth of the title to wrestling fans here in the United States. The letters AWA stand for *American Wrestling Association*. What Bockwinkel and myself want is for the title to come back home. The AWA title deserves to be defended in front of

American fans. Wanz would want to take the title out of the country and deny this to the fans. I think that's reprehensible.

Q: It sounds like quite a turnaround for you and Bockwinkel, placing the fans first. Isn't this simply a smokescreen to cover up the fact that Bockwinkel quite frankly doesn't deserve the belt anymore, that he's finally lost to a better man in a fair match?

A: You tell me, King. In your magazine, in your articles and editorials, you are always claiming to place the fans in front of anything else. You claim that wrestling is for the fans, you claim that the man who wears the championship belt is someone who should be setting an example for the rest of the wrestling world, not abusing the position of champion. Well, we agree. But now that we are trying to



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bring the title back to the fans and make certain that the AWA title remains in America where it belongs, we get blasted by you in an interview. We're damned if we do and we're damned if we don't. I don't think you people who call yourselves "respectable journalists" will ever be satisfied.

Q: I just don't think a leopard can change his spots, that's all.

A: But that's where you're wrong. It's true, a leopard can't change his spots, but I don't think you had a proper view of how those spots were arranged in the first place. If the press would only open their eyes, they would have long realized the inherent honesty and fair play of Nick Bockwinkel all along. □

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LEXINGTON, KY

By Mike Bottoms



JIMMY VALIANT
vs.
THE GREAT KAMALA



At the sound of the bell, Valiant used Kamala's wooden spear to run the Ugandan giant from the ring, then attacked him with a chair. Once back in the ring, Kamala took control with a series of vicious chops and bearhugs. Valiant came back to pin Kamala, but the referee had been knocked out by Kamala and missed it. Valiant was declared the winner, however, when the referee awoke to see Kamala receive help from his trainer.

OTHER BOUTS: Jerry Lawler defeated Carl Fergie . . . Dennis Condrey and The Dream Machine lost to Steve Regal and Spike Huber . . . Bill Dundee beat Dutch Mantell.

ALTOONA, PA

By Debra Wolfe



BOB BACKLUND
vs.
BLACKJACK MULLIGAN



Early in the match, Mulligan applied the claw to Backlund's right shoulder, a move that was countered with an elbowsmash to Mulligan's midsection. Ten minutes into the bout, Mulligan twice came close to cradling the champ. Mulligan applied the claw to Backlund's head, but special referee Ivan Putski caught Mulligan using the ropes for leverage. Backlund sent Mulligan to the canvas with a flying dropkick, and Mulligan fled to the dressing room.

OTHER BOUTS: Jimmy Snuka and Tony Garea wrestled to a draw . . . Pedro Morales defeated Baron Scicluna . . . S.D. Jones beat Jose Estrada.

ST. LOUIS, MO

By Montez Westfall



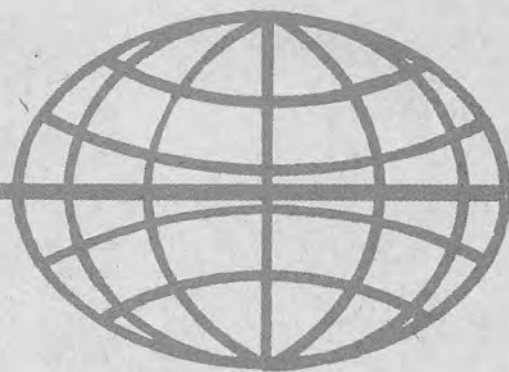
GREG VALENTINE
vs.
DUSTY RHODES



Valentine was all over Dusty from the start, but the American Dream retaliated with kneedrops and elbows to Greg's leg. Then Dusty put the figure-four leglock on Valentine, who grabbed the ropes and called for a clean break. Valentine rammed Dusty's leg into the steel ringpost and tried for the figure-four himself, but Dusty reversed it, then followed up his attack by twice slamming Greg's head into the steel post. A groggy Valentine was counted out of the ring.

OTHER BOUTS: Dewey Robertson defeated Roger Kirby . . . Mark Romero and Omar Atlas wrestled to a draw against Kim Duk and Hercules Hernandez.

WRESTLING CAPITALS



CANTON, OH

By Joel Wallis



**MASKED SUPERSTAR
vs.
MR. WRESTLING II**

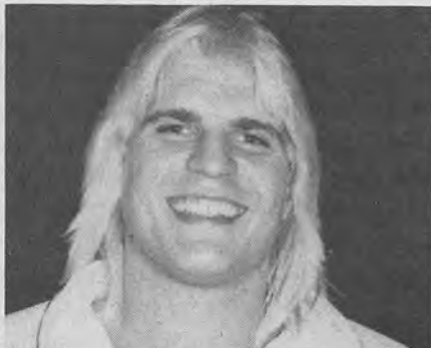


It was a brilliant card at the Canton Civic Center with the main event pitting these two masked stars against each other. Wrestling II attacked Superstar before he got his jacket off. Superstar quickly retaliated by catching II with a series of forearms and elbow-smashes. After Superstar had enough fun, he bounced II off the ropes and caught him with the lariat, a move which gave him the victory in the match.

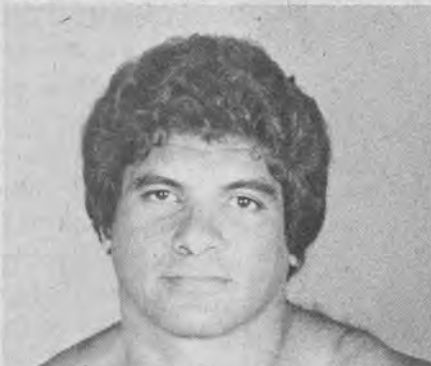
OTHER BOUTS: Brad Armstrong beat Pete Martin . . . Les Thornton defeated Terry Gibbs . . . Tommy Rich and Ernie Ladd won by disqualification over Buzz Sawyer and Super Destroyer.

ATLANTA, GA

By Kenneth Chastain



**TOMMY RICH
vs.
MAGNIFICENT MURACO**



Falls scored anywhere in the Omni building counted in this exciting main event. Muraco took an early advantage, but Wildfire came back and threw him out of the ring. Soon Muraco came back at Tommy and, bleeding badly, slammed Tommy several times. The rest of the match was pure chaos, with Muraco and Rich going at each other ferociously. Soon, however, Roddy Piper ran out of the dressing room and attacked Muraco with a roll of quarters in his hand.

OTHER BOUTS: The Samoans beat Terry Gordy and Michael Hayes . . . Super Destroyer defeated Paul Orndorff.

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

By Mark Gallo



**MAD DOG VACHON
vs.
CRUSHER BLACKWELL**



Mad Dog looked determined in his return to the ring after a two-year absence. Vachon scratched, bit, and did anything and everything he could to Blackwell. When the referee wasn't looking, Sheik Adnan Al-Kaissie, who was in Blackwell's corner, pulled Vachon's leg out from under him and Blackwell took the win. Vachon grabbed the microphone after that occurrence and swore revenge.

OTHER BOUTS: Jesse Ventura defeated Larry "The Axe" Hennig . . . Baron Von Raschke beat Jacques Goulet.



Matt Brock's **PLAIN SPEAKING**

ST. PAUL, MN: Well, I finally get a chance to flap my gums on paper about the new AWA heavyweight champion. I like Otto Wanz. I would like any man who could pin Nick Bockwinkel fair and square. I think the man can bring a much-needed dignity to the AWA title, a dignity that hasn't been seen in the AWA for quite a while. There is one thing, however, and I hate to admit

it... but I agree with Bockwinkel and Heenan. It looks like Wanz will bring the belt back to his native Austria, as well as to Australia and various parts of Europe, for title defenses. As much as I hate to associate myself with anything Heenan and Bockwinkel say, I agree that AWA stands for *American Wrestling Association*, and the title should be defended in the States so the fans here can witness the matches. It will be interesting to see how this situation develops over the months to come. Personally, I'd like to see the title stay here, but if Wanz can hold on to the belt, I suppose anything can happen.

CHARLOTTE, NC: I like Rick Steamboat. I think he's a very good wrestler, and for the most part he's got a good attitude in the ring. Sure, he's had his problems, mostly with Ric Flair, but then again a lot of people have had their problems with Ric Flair. This is why I'm so happy to see that Rick has returned to the ring on a full-time basis. Rumors had been circulating that he was thinking of quitting wrestling, but clearly he has squelched those rumors. What's more, there are now *two* Steamboats to pay attention to in the Mid-Atlantic region. Not only has Rick returned to the ring, but his younger brother Victor Steamboat has just entered the area. Early impressions indicate that Victor will be following in Rick's footsteps, and that's good news for all wrestling fans.

LOUISVILLE, KY: I would have hoped that by now he'd be out of the country. But no, Jimmy Hart has taken him under his wing and is bringing him into wrestling rings throughout this area, leaving mayhem and destruction in his wake. I'm talking, of course, about the Great Kamala, the Ugandan giant, who, to my way of thinking, is something less than great. I just hope that somebody, somewhere, very, very soon eliminates Kamala from the face of wrestling completely. As for the brighter side



OTTO WANZ

Harder than nails, veteran wrestling reporter Matt Brock has logged more miles covering wrestling than any other journalist. Every month Matt will travel to the sport's hotbeds, reporting everything he sees without fear or favor

of Kentucky wrestling, I'd rather watch Steve Regal and Spike Huber wrestle in tag team matches. Now these guys are something to see!



DORY & TERRY FUNK

TAMPA, FL: Blood is thicker than water, they say, and that's what Dory Funk Jr. is saying these days in response to critics who ask him why he's backing his brother now. If you remember, Dory refused to help his brother in his bloody campaign against the American Dream, Dusty Rhodes. Well, he has changed his mind. "I couldn't stand by and watch my brother get himself bloodied up like that by Dusty," explained Dory. "I may not have wanted to get involved, but at this point in their battle, I haven't

got much of a choice. The situation has reached a point where Terry needs my help. I can't refuse him." And you can't fault him, either. A man turns his back on his family, he's just no good, and it doesn't matter what kind of attitude that family has. I may not always agree with Dory Jr., but I have to admit that I admire his willingness to help out his family even if it goes against his own instincts. Blood really *is* thicker than water. **NEW YORK, NY:** I'm back in the Big Apple, and the biggest news to hit here in a long time is that Buddy Rogers is back. Rogers, as you are no doubt well aware, was the very first champion of the WWF when it was created back in the early '60s. Right now he's doing television interviews,



BUDDY ROGERS

but if I know Buddy, he's going to get itchy and want to climb back into that ring again. Big rumor around these parts is that he's going to manage Jimmy Snuka should the Superfly split with Albano. I agree with a lot of people, that the split between these two is inevitable (*see story on page 34*). Should it actually occur, I think it's going to blow the WWF wide open. □

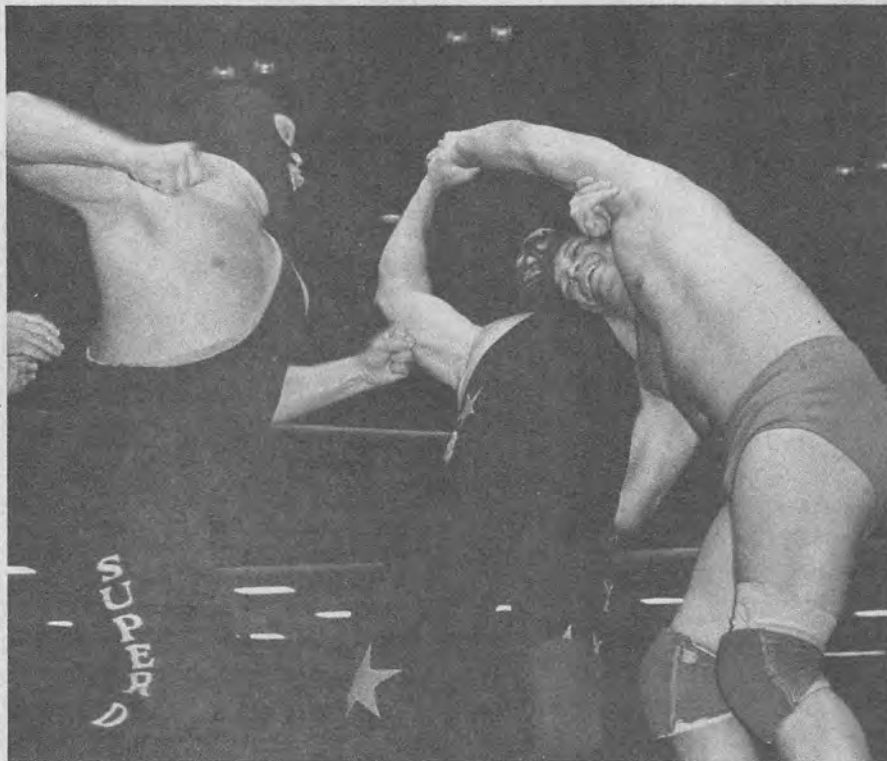
There's No Choice—

Mr. Wrestling II and Ernie Ladd, two bitter enemies, team to defeat an enemy even greater than their hatred for each other. After forging a truce that could be broken at any second, they vow to make war on Super Destroyer and the Masked Superstar

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MR. WRESTLING II MUST TRUST ERNIE LADD

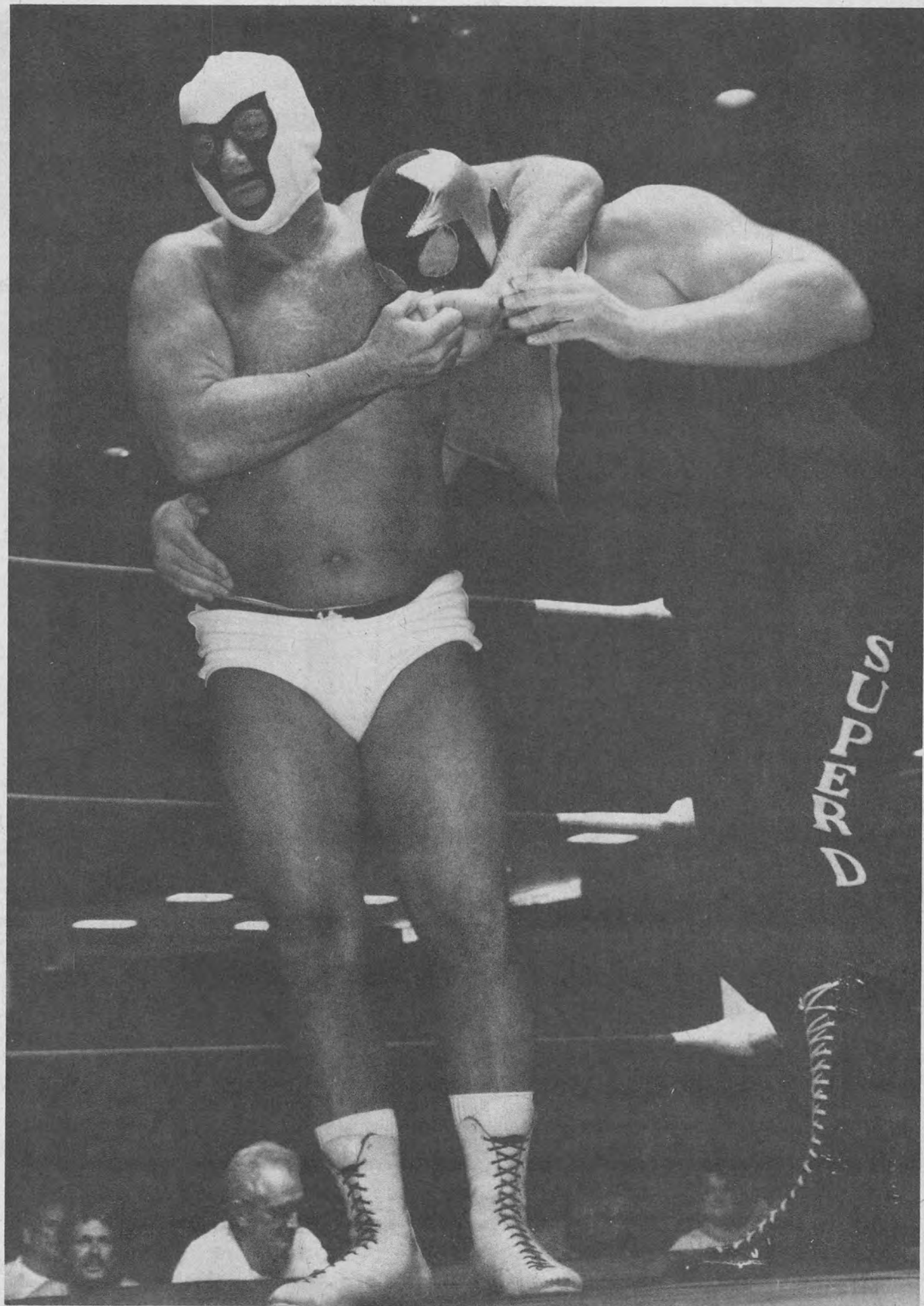


Ladd struggles to free himself from Masked Superstar before Super Destroyer can attack (above). Wrestling II drags Super Destroyer back to his own corner where Ladd can offer assistance (opposite).

SITTING QUIETLY IN his study, Mr. Wrestling II stared into space. No one could give him advice; no one would dare. The stakes were too high. If the masked mat star guessed right, the honor of wrestling would be secure. If he guessed wrong, his career would be over.

Mr. Wrestling II took a deep breath and exhaled slowly. He picked up the phone and dialed slowly. He would have been happy to hear a busy signal, putting off for at least a few minutes what was inevitable. Instead, he heard the phone ring. Once. Twice. Maybe the man wasn't home. Then he heard the phone being picked up and Ernie Ladd's voice say, "Hello." There was no turning back now.

The conversation was short but not sweet. Two enemies agreed to
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ONE ON



MAGNIFICENT MURACO

(Roddy Piper has long been known as the most controversial figure on "World Championship Wrestling" from Georgia. His commentary alongside host Gordon Solie has provoked both criticism and praise from all corners of the wrestling world. When Piper involved himself in a feud against Tommy "Wildfire" Rich, he sought out the aid of Magnificent Muraco. Piper paid Muraco several thousand dollars over the course of a few months as his mercenary with the hope that Muraco would be able to run Rich out of wrestling. Their relationship came to an abrupt halt, however,

when Muraco physically assaulted Gordon Solie on national television. Piper came to Solie's aid, touching off a bitter rivalry between Piper and Muraco. We

brought Piper and Muraco together to discuss their differences "One on One.")

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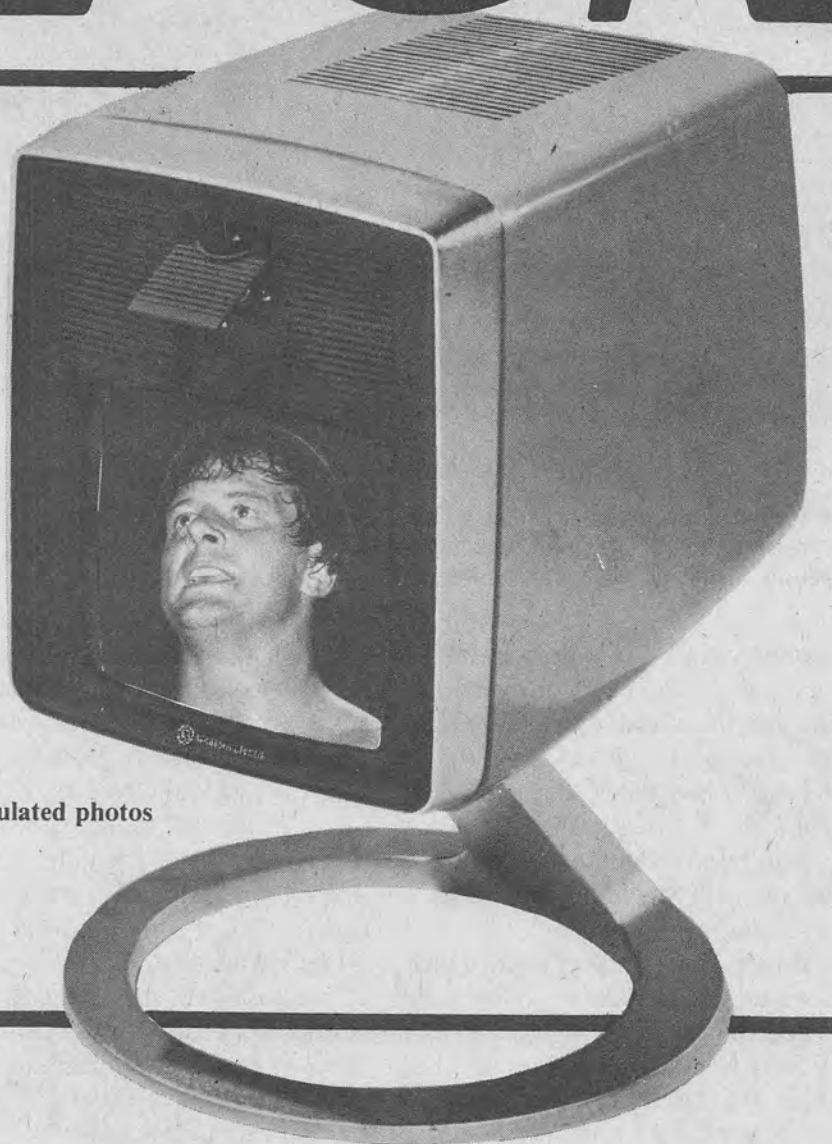
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such a wonderful, little do-gooder now, aren't you? How does it feel to betray a friend the way you betrayed me?

RODDY PIPER:

You're a sick man, Muraco, you know that? I didn't betray you any more than you betrayed yourself, do you know that? Do you realize that? Do you have any idea what you did to

yourself when you attacked Mr. Solie? Probably not, you probably don't understand at all what your actions mean, otherwise you wouldn't have committed them in the first place, you see, because obviously you are a man of no character and that was shown to the world when you attacked a man who couldn't defend himself



RODDY PIPER

against you.

MM: I never attacked him the way you're making it sound. You talk like I suplexed him or something, and it wasn't like that at all; you know that as well as I do. It was a case of poking a finger in his chest, sure, but I never meant to hurt him at all.

RP: The hell you didn't, a poke in the chest was just the beginning. When I jumped on you, you were ready to hit Solie with a full shot, I could tell. I'm not stupid, you know, what kind of a fool do you take me for?

MM: How many choices do I get?

RP: Very funny. You're a real card, you know that Muraco? But then what else could I expect from a man who attacks announcers instead of a man his own

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ON THE ROAD

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When Putski is officiating, wrestlers simply cannot take advantage of their physical superiority to get away with bending the rules. Putski made a courageous decision, halting the match when Morales was in jeopardy of permanent injury.

wondered why it wasn't standard procedure in every association around the world. A referee should be strong enough to be able to handle things when they get out of control. A wrestler as a referee virtually assures that should things get out of control, they will be dealt with properly.

More than once, Putski called for a clean break. With the awesome strength of the Polish Power behind his words, neither Morales nor Snuka was about to put up much of a protest.

The contest for the Intercontinental title was supposedly a no holds barred affair. The television announcer reminded the viewers of this fact several times, and I wondered, if it's a no-holds-barred match, why was Putski calling for clean breaks? What's more, why did Putski call a halt to the match when Snuka ferociously attacked Morales with a chokehold?

I wondered if it was perhaps because Putski was unaware of the

fact that the match was indeed to be no holds barred. Then the answer came to me in all its obvious certainty: Putski was simply exercising common sense. Sure, a match can be no holds barred, but even then the referee ought to maintain a certain level of control over the competitors doing battle.

Several times during the Snuka-Morales confrontation, one or the other or both men spilled out of the ring. Putski made little movement to stop them, judiciously allowing them to battle on the concrete floor of the Garden.

Finally, after subjecting Morales to excruciating punishment over the course of the entire match, Snuka went wild and began to choke his foe. Putski intervened and motioned for the timekeeper to signal the end of the match.

One would think that Putski would disqualify Snuka and award the match to Morales, but the Intercontinental champion had



been too far behind at the time of the chokehold to be declared the winner. Utilizing perceptive judgment, Putski declared the match a draw.

I smiled. Most referees wouldn't have had the courage to make such a decision. It was a good decision, a textbook example of how a referee ought to exercise his authority during a match in order to keep wrestling at the level of competition, and not allow it to degenerate to wanton, bloody destruction.

The wider problem, however, would require much more than one shining example in order to improve the general quality of referees in the ring. I've thought about it for a long time, and I still haven't come up with any answers. If you have any suggestions, drop me a line in care of this magazine. I'll share them with the rest of our readers.

Maybe if I get enough mail, I'll automatically have enough columns and I won't have to take the Green Giant out of the shop. I'm afraid to see the repair bill, anyway. ☐

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DRESSING ROOM DOOR

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mind he was in the last few weeks, I don't think he would have made much of an impression."

Marc explained that he never watches Johnson wrestle in person, that he prefers to watch his friend on the tube. I didn't ask why. I sensed a good story and stayed behind to watch the match on the monitor.

Johnson received a tremendous ovation from the fans as he made his way to the ring. "They remember him," Marc said. "It's been quite some time, 15 years, since he's been here, but they remember him."

"That's marvelous," I said.

"I agree," Marc said, "but unfortunately, Rocky doesn't. Look, he's smiling, but believe me, he didn't want to hear the cheers. He didn't want to be remembered."

Marc noted the confusion on my face and explained. "Rocky wants to be judged for what he is today, not by what they remember him to have been 15 years ago. It's partly because of his own insecurities. It's so silly, I've told him that a thousand times, but he doesn't care to listen. It's so important to him that he make an impression on all the WWF fans watching this match on television. So important."

He certainly made an impression on me. I'm one of those people who remember Rocky from 15 years ago. I feel I have a pretty discerning eye, but I swear I saw no difference. If anything, he is better now than he was.

Johnson dazzled his opponent with his incredible hand and foot speed, never relinquishing the upper hand. He whipped his outclassed opponent into the ropes and sprang over his head with the grace and power of



Johnson applies a wristlock on Nick Bockwinkel during a title match with the former AWA champion in 1977. Since his debut in the mid-'60s, Rocky has added to his wrestling repertoire without losing any of his remarkable speed.

Julius Erving. He then delivered a picture-perfect dropkick to the man's jaw and followed with an easy three-count.

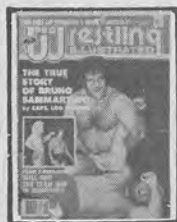
Rocky ran out of the ring before the decision was even announced and had to be called back. After his hand was raised in victory and he was officially declared the winner, Rocky sprinted back to his dressing room, threw his arms around Marc, and spun him around the room. "You were right, brother, you were right!" he said. "Did you hear them? Did you? They were more excited after the match than before. That's what I was hoping for, brother, that's what I was hoping for!"

"Hey Marc, why didn't you tell me I still had it! What kind of a friend are you!"

Marc turned to me and winked. "One thousand times," he said.

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BODYSLAM & PINFALLS

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spirit breaks, he becomes listless. No matter what kind of prodding, the animal will remain uncaring. Then, the final stage will see him mindlessly following any stimulus. His ego will be broken, and if an animal could be said to have a soul, it will be destroyed.

I was reminded of this torture by the recent events concerning Roddy Piper. The pattern is classic. Piper did everything right, became the most important wrestler in the nation, and then got banned. He saw his livelihood, his accomplishments, and vision cruelly snatched away from him. Forced into exile, he ranted against this unthinking punishment. That was stage one.

Then came stage two. At least that had the good fortune to occur outside the sight of fans. Those who saw Piper during his exile, despite his success in the Mid-Atlantic area, saw him lose his spirit. He would prove to the Georgia commissioners time and again that his being banned was illegal. They'd agree. Laughing, they'd tell him they had the power to do the illegal. Their whim was the only justice. It crushed Roddy's spirit like a boa constrictor crushes its victim.

All the world got to see stage three. We witnessed Roddy Piper come to the aid of Gordon Solie. That's what any good little soldier

would do. The old Roddy would have handled the situation without turning on his friend, Magnificent Muraco. But Solie, a figure of authority, needed help. So the powerless Piper, stripped of his initiative and free will, responded.

Now, I'm not excusing Muraco's actions. It was beneath the man, but he too was being driven. If one recalls the situation, there was really very little danger to Solie until Piper came to the announcer's defense. Muraco, enraged by being publicly disgraced by his friend, behaved foolishly. Piper's "gallantry" pushed the situation out of control. When Roddy could think for himself, he would have prevented any brawl.

And who do we have to thank for the crushing of Roddy Piper? First, let us give much credit to the NWA commissioners. Unable to control Piper honestly, they went about driving him mad. It wasn't too hard. Like the scientists, they controlled the situation and could pull the strings. No man can beat a group of bullies when forced to play by their rules.

Piper wasn't the only one to get his strings jerked. The fans, used to behaving like jerks, happily voted to ban Roddy. What was his crime? They couldn't think of one. But if their heroes couldn't beat him, and they didn't like what he said, what else could they do?

Like vultures, they descended upon Roddy and picked him clean. The commissioners agreed to let a fan ballot (that appeared in *The Wrestler* against my wishes) decide if Piper should be banned. How democratic. Let the rabble decide if a man is entitled to the inalienable right to earn a living. And like vultures, the fans saw Piper defenseless and went to town. They overwhelmingly voted to deprive Piper of rights guaranteed in the Constitution of the United States. I suppose they felt the NWA is a higher power.

This whole affair has been a sleazy and cowardly affront on human dignity and professional sport. Piper may someday regain his will; we can take some hope in the man's remarkable strength. However, he has been ruthlessly beaten, forced to bend to the decree of the masses. A spirit as fine as Piper's is a fragile thing. Instead of protecting this wrestling treasure, the fans allowed themselves to be used to destroy it.

This is one of wrestling's darkest days. The light that was Roddy Piper has been extinguished. In its place is the void that Piper has become. The fans prefer it that way. He is within their control and fans find that preferable to greatness. Piper used to challenge them, threatened them to be better than they were. The fans wouldn't stand for that. It's so much easier to be the pawns of bullies. ☐

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MR. WRESTLING II

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Ladd, who has spent the majority of his career looking for ways to circumvent the rulebook, slips his scissorkick off Super Destroyer's chin and around his throat.

become a tag team. Each man knew the risks. For Mr. Wrestling II, the risks were much greater. Ladd has turned on partners before. Not many men dare to be his tag team partner. In the best of all possible worlds, Mr. Wrestling II wouldn't even consider it.

But this was not the best of all possible worlds. In this world, Super Destroyer and Masked Superstar were terrorizing NWA tag team wrestling. They had to be stopped. The surest team to stop them was Mr. Wrestling II and Ernie Ladd. That the two men hated each other for years didn't matter. There are some things more important than personal

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hatreds. This was one of them.

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Those who have studied Ladd's career know better. They have seen him battle the most dangerous men in the sport again and again. He didn't need to do it, but every so often he feels compelled to give back to the sport something for all he has gotten from it. He doesn't make public announcements to that effect because he doesn't want people to ask him for favors. He wants to make his own decisions and adopt his own causes. When he saw Masked Superstar and Super Destroyer demolish a hapless team, he knew he was needed. He also knew he would need a partner. Through a promoter in Atlanta, he contacted Mr. Wrestling II.

It wasn't an easy decision for the masked grappler to make. He too knew that the notorious team must be stopped, but he also knew Ladd. If Ernie's fabled temper took over, all hell would break loose. And when chaos prevails, no one knows what will happen. The veteran grappler would be gambling his future on luck.

But in the end, only one thing mattered. Super Destroyer and Masked Superstar had to be stopped. So Mr. Wrestling II made the phone call and a new tag team was born.

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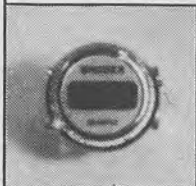
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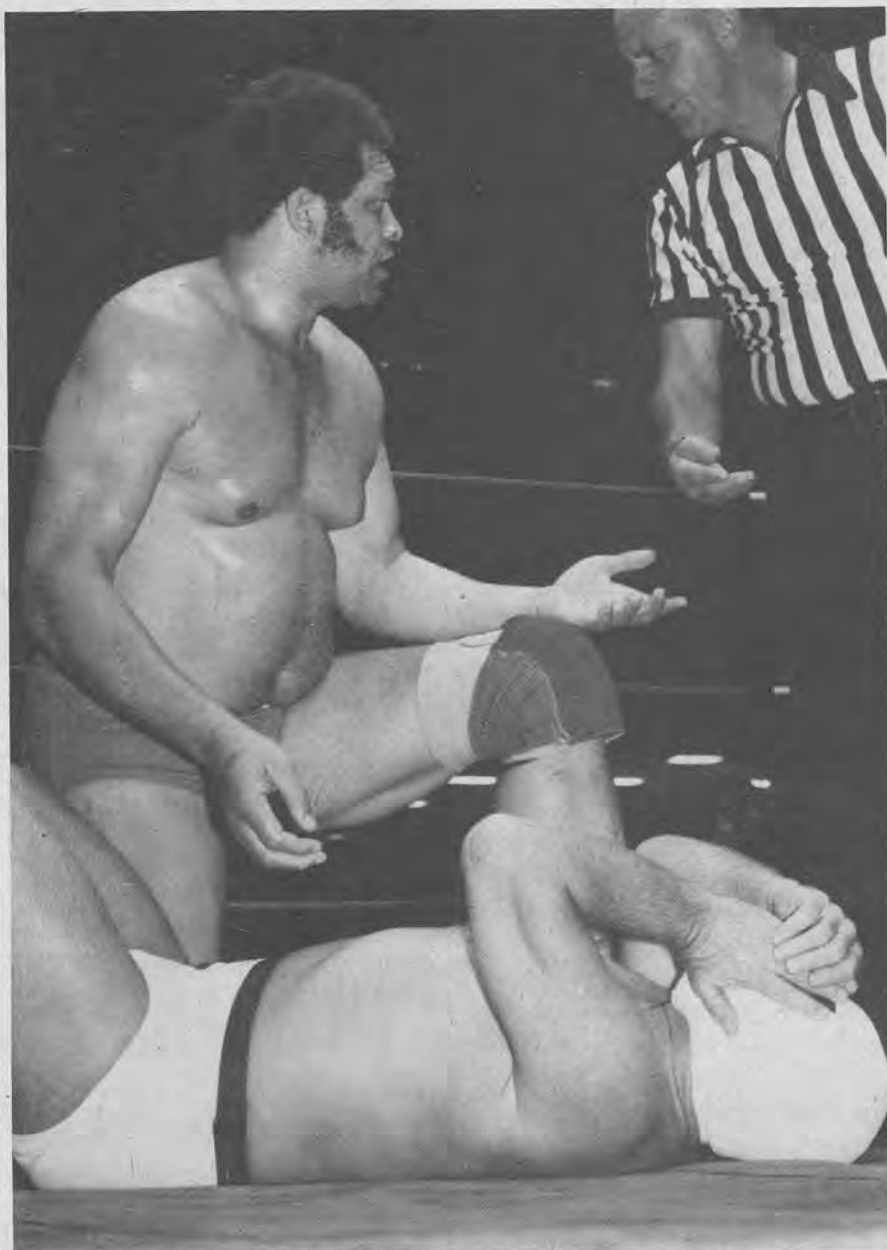
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MR. WRESTLING II

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Finally, the night of the match arrived. It was a brutal exhibition of wrestling savagery. If Ladd and Mr. Wrestling II had hoped for even a modicum of wrestling science, they were immediately disappointed. Super Destroyer and Masked Superstar wrestled ruthlessly from the opening bell. Gouging, punching, and double-teaming were common occurrences. Within the first two minutes, the match had become a brawl.

Inevitably, it ended in a double-disqualification. All four men were battered and bruised, barely able

After the double-disqualification verdict, Ladd sees to his partner, explaining to the referee that II was injured by a foreign object inserted in Superstar's mask.

to make it back to the dressing rooms. What hurt most was that nothing was resolved. Super Destroyer and Masked Superstar hadn't dominated the new team, and the challengers never got to conquer their hated foes. All four knew this was only the first of a series of matches.

Ladd and Mr. Wrestling II wondered if they would beat their foes or end up beating each other. □

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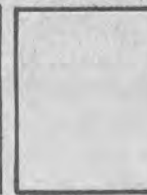
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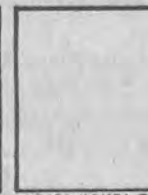
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"I doubt if you could see what was happening. The battle was too subtle and intense. But Studd didn't try to protect himself. Instead, he did everything in his power to cripple me. He didn't want to win; he wanted to maim. He's the kind of guy who can't feel victorious unless his opponent winds up in the hospital.

"He doesn't think he can be hurt. I'll bet ever since he was a little kid, he could go up to other kids and just knock them senseless. Because he was so

big and strong, there was no chance they could hurt him. Even today, it doesn't occur to him that he can be hurt. As I pounded him with the stretcher, he wasn't hurt as much as *surprised*. He must have thought I was violating some law of nature.

"The man thinks it's his right to hurt people. He enjoys watching people suffer. He's crueler than anyone I've ever wrestled against. Some guys want to beat you senseless because of ambition or rage or hatred. Studd does it because it's his right, something he's entitled to do because he's better than anyone else.

"That's what makes him the most dangerous man in wrestling. He's thoroughly evil. He must be stopped. Furthermore, he must be stopped by a respected wrestler. In front of the world, he must be humbled. He must be defeated. We can't allow Studd to believe he's bigger than wrestling."

With effort, Dusty stood up. His legs were shaky and he was in obvious pain. His fingers

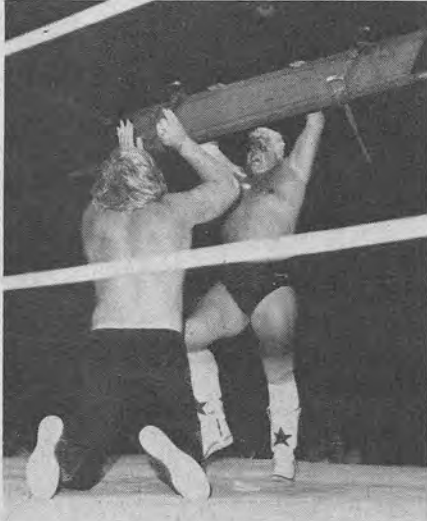


Rhodes draws blood with a series of elbowsmashes to Studd's head (above). Studd tries to protect his midsection from Dusty's flying elbowdrop (below).



couldn't close and his right knee didn't bend as he walked. A friend insisted on driving him home. No sooner had the car started than Dusty was asleep.

It was troubled rest. Every so often, Dusty would squirm and grunt. His friend didn't awaken him or later ask about the nightmares. As long as the demons were being driven out of Dusty's subconscious, the friend was happy.



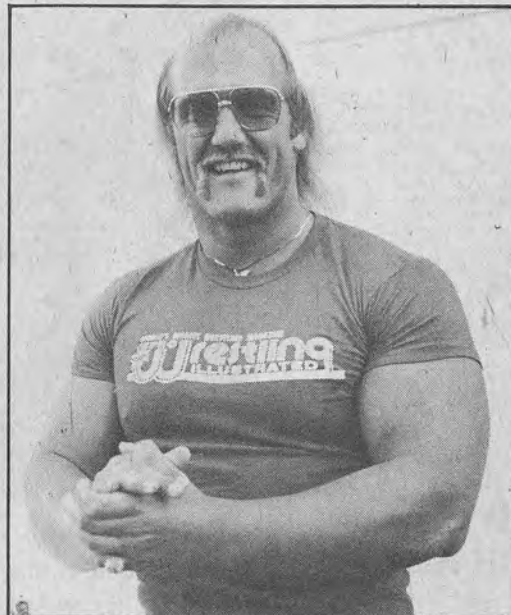
Rhodes was disqualified for attacking Studd with the stretcher. But in his view, it was something he had to do.

When they pulled up to the motel, Dusty was shaken awake. He bolted upright, stared wildly into space for an instant, and then sank tiredly into the seat. The friend walked him to the room. He didn't like the dizzy sway to Rhodes' gait.

The friend knew this wasn't the end, only the beginning. Even when it was announced Studd was negotiating to wrestle in the WWF, the friend knew it only delayed the inevitable. Sooner or later, Studd and Rhodes would meet again. They would battle for wrestling and their own sense of justice. It would be a long, ugly, brutal battle. Perhaps both men would survive the brawl. It would only mean they would have to meet still again, each man still determined to end the other's career. ☐

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size who can properly defend himself. You really are a coward, aren't you?

MM: I'm not afraid of anything or anyone, and I've proved that over the years . . .

RP: You sure proved that you weren't afraid of Mr. Solie!

MM: Shut up, you fool! First of all, *you* were the one who paid my way into Georgia, *you* were the one who wanted me to help you in your stupid campaign against Tommy Rich, and *you* were the one who was egging me on when that campaign started to reach the boiling point. Solie was making some stupid, biased remarks about Rich, and I was simply trying to set him straight . . .

RP: Right. Straight to the hospital.

Wrestlers struggle for almost five minutes to keep Piper and Muraco separated after Piper attacked Muraco in defense of Gordon Solie.

MM: Look Piper, what's wrong with you that you can't make up your mind about anything? First you pay me thousands of dollars to do your dirty work for you, and then you jump on top of me from behind when I try and explain *your* position to someone who has constantly misrepresented that position to the fans nationwide. It used to be that you hated Tommy Rich and Brad Armstrong and the rest of these Georgia wimps, and now you seem to have changed your mind about *that*, and I hear you actually praising them, *praising*

them on national television.

I wouldn't be surprised if you were hanging out with them all after the matches...

RP: Oh, we're so smart, aren't we, we're so intelligent and brilliant that we understand everyone else's mind and everyone else's actions and why they do them and everything else about them. Let me tell you one thing, Muraco, I haven't changed one bit. You were talking about betrayal before? Well, you are the one who betrayed me, who betrayed common decency by attacking Mr. Solie, but I wouldn't expect a man of your Neanderthal brilliance to grasp that enormous fact. As for Tommy Rich, why don't you look at the facts and see what's right in front of your ugly face, that Tommy Rich has taken on a more aggressive style both in and out of the ring. Why don't you just look? Didn't you see how he ran into the dressing room and attacked Buzz Sawyer, dragging him out of the dressing room and beating him senseless in front of thousands of wrestling fans? He's taken matters into his own hands, he's grabbing the bull by the horns, and I like that, yes indeed, I like to see that in a man, it shows intelligence, it shows initiative, and it shows drive. It shows a lot of qualities in a man's character that I'm afraid you are grossly unfamiliar with, my dear Mr. Muraco.

MM: You're a sick man, Piper, too sick to know what's wrong with you.

RP: From you, Muraco, that's high praise.

MM: Bah! Go run to your friends Rich and Armstrong and Orndorff and the rest. You all deserve each other. ☐

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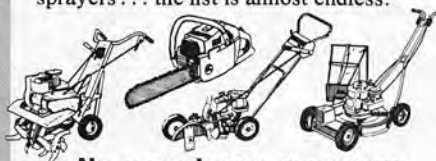
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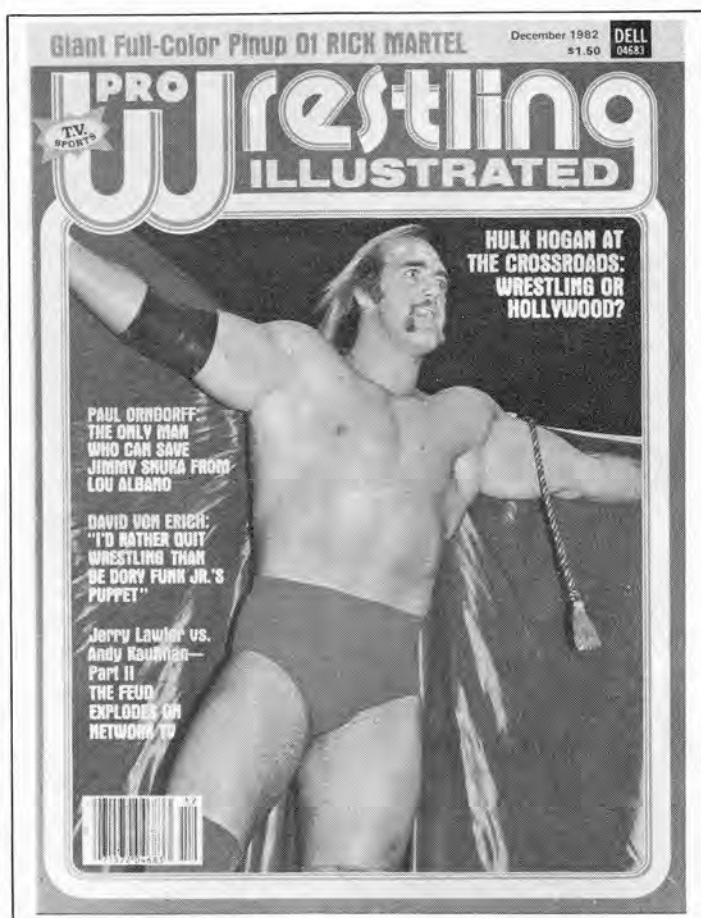
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